

Be With Me

THE MASTER DISCIPLEMAKER – Part 3

February 8, 2026

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: ¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot...

Luke 6:12-16

¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach...

Mark 3:13-14

The call to “be with me” was not just for the 12 disciples, it extends to all those who follow Jesus.

If you remain in me as I remain in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Come near to God and He will come near to you...

James 4:8

Whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit...

1 Corinthians 6:17

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

⁶ *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...* ⁷ *You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

John 14:6-7

If you want to be with God, it starts with your heart.

*I want you to show love,
not offer sacrifices.
I want you to know me
more than I want burnt offerings.*

Hosea 6:6 (NLT)

⁶ *What can we bring to the Lord?
Should we bring him burnt offerings?
Should we bow before God Most High
with offerings of yearling calves?*
⁷ *Should we offer him thousands of rams
and ten thousand rivers of olive oil,*

⁸ *No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:6-8

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of February 8, 2026.

Opening

Outside of your immediate family, who is the person that you know the best? How did you get to know them so well?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read John 15:5; James 4:8; 1 Corinthians 6:17; 1 Corinthians 3:16; John 14:6-7
(all above in your sermon notes)

1. What do you think is the common thread in these passages?
2. What do you think it looks like to be with God?

Read Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 6:21
(all above in your sermon notes)

3. What do you think is the common thread in these passages?
4. Why does being with God have to begin with your heart?

Applying the Scriptures

1. What would you say is the difference between knowing God and knowing about God?
2. Do you find it easy or challenging to spend time being with God?
3. Take a moment in honest self-reflection. Is your deepest desire to be with God? Why or why not?