Who's Calling? Exploring the Missionary Call

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❖ **Introduction**

➢ It has been common in modern missionary circles to talk about a 'missionary call.' Although there is little agreement as to what the 'call' consists of or how to define it, there has been general agreement that a call is necessary.

➢ How would you define the "Missionary call"?

➢ One of the problems is that there has been a lot of _____ regarding the missionary call. What are some of the "mission one-liners" that you have heard?

➢ Add to this the staggering needs of the world and the call becomes even more complex. How can we discern a call to missions given all the static? How do we know where to get involved in light of the world's tremendous needs?

❖ *Mark 3:13-19* – we can discern three clear steps in the missionary call Jesus gave to his first disciples.

➢ First, we are called to _____ (*v. 13*)

▪ This is the actual missionary call.

▪ The missionary call is first and foremost a call _____.

▪ Before we _____, we need to _____!

➢ Second, after responding to the call, we are _____ (*v. 14a*)

▪ Before we go, we need to learn to _____.

▪ Don't miss the significance of this fundamental and necessary step! In *Acts 1:4* Jesus commanded them, not to _____, but to _____!

- Two very important things happen at this stage...

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  - Our call to missions is not a question of _____, but _____!

- ➢ Finally, we are _____ to preach and minister with authority (*vv. 14b-15*)

  - Now we go as those who _____.

  - It's not so much a _____ as it is a _____!

  - There is a pattern to the "missionary call": _____ – _____ – _____!

❖ **Confirming our "Calling"**

  ➢ **Subjective** – _____.

  - This is where God often speaks _____ and _____.

  ➢ **Objective** – _____.

  - What is your S.H.A.P.E.? Spiritual gifts – Heart – Abilities – Personality – Experience and training

  ➢ **Collective** – _____.

  - It is not only a question of _____, but also one of _____.

❖ **Q & A**