

## the snowball effect

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### calling I sending

Mark 3:13-16

<sup>13</sup> Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. <sup>14</sup> He appointed twelve – designating them apostles – that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach <sup>15</sup>and to have authority to drive out demons.

- 'called to him... and they came to him'
- 'that they might be with him'
- 'and that he might send them out to preach'
- 'and have authority to drive out demons'

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### coming I going

Matthew 4:18-22

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

- "Come, follow me"
- "I will make you"
- "fishers of men"
- 'At once they left their nets and followed him'

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**coming I going**

Matthew 4:18-22

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

- 'Jesus called them'
- 'immediately they left the boat'
- 'and their father'
- 'and followed him'
- *They left all forms*
  - *vocational*
  - *sentimental*
  - *social attachments*

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**you have got to be yoking**

Matthew 11:28-30

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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**gather I scatter**

Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 7-8, 37-39

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

<sup>1</sup> Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness.  
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Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 7-8, 37-39

<sup>1</sup> Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness...

...<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ...

...<sup>7</sup> As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give...

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**gather I scatter**

Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 7-8, 37-39

...<sup>37</sup> 'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.'<sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

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**gather I scatter**

- We 'come' to Jesus so that we can 'go' with Jesus.
- In 'coming' to Jesus we learn to yoke with Jesus
- And we 'go' with Jesus so that we can help others to 'come' to Jesus.
- When others 'come' to Jesus we experience the joy of 'coming' to him all over again.

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**the snowball effect**

- Jesus calls two brothers - Matthew 4
- Jesus calls the other ten disciples - Mark 3
- Jesus sends out the 12 – Matthew 11 / Luke 9
- Jesus appoints and sends out 72 others – Luke 10
- Pentecost – 3000 who 'comes' to Jesus – Acts 2

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Acts 2:41-42, 46-47

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...

<sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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**conclusion**

- 'coming' increases our 'going'
- 'going' increases our 'coming'

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