

The Gospel According to Mark

Follow the Leader

“Growing Your Faith for Ministry Success”

INTRO: *The Twelve had undergone extensive training by Jesus, but were they ready to “fly solo” on mission as His official representatives? What is more crucial to ministry success than academics?*

I. _____ **is crucial to ministry** _____. *Jesus taught His disciples to have faith in **the divine principles** of kingdom growth (4:1-34), faith in **His sovereignty** (4:35-5:43), and faith in the **God-ordained results** of ministry (6:1-6).*

II. _____ **(alone) is insufficient to grow a** _____ **crucial to ministry** _____.
Classroom-style learning is good but cannot compare to actual practice and experience.

III. **To grow your** _____ **for ministry** _____, **bounce... bounce... bounce... swish, accept the challenge of a** _____ **-dependent** _____ **(6:7-31)**. *Put the academics into actual practice! This ministry forces two things.*

A. _____.
We must intentionally choose ministries that trust God instead of personal strength or comfort.

B. _____.
We must intentionally choose ministries with proper regards for inherent risks like rejection or persecution.