

Friday, February 8, 2013

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

What does Jesus want from you? We sometimes hear that God desires certain things from us, or more precisely, actions and attitudes that are part of our daily act of worship. Items on this "checklist" include prayer, graciousness, humbleness, forgiveness, generosity, and other Christ-like attributes. While these fruits of the Spirit are important and should reflect God's work in the believer's heart, they could also be seen as the "do's and don'ts" of the faith. We can sometimes miss the point – God wants US, that is, our heart's affection and devotion.

In Mark 3:13-15, we read the account of Christ calling his disciples. We can see some key words and phrases in these verses. Phrases such as, "...called to him those he wanted", "...He appointed", "designating", "...that they might be with him", and "...that he might send them" all serve to paint a picture of God's deliberate actions taken to draw people close to him into intimate fellowship. In Luke's account of the calling of the disciples, we see Jesus spending serious time in prayer to the Father just before he selects his men.

God wants us (a relationship) in order that we can fellowship with him and be empowered to make a difference for the Kingdom. It is only then can we be mightily used.

You are cordially invited to the following programs at CCCFW this weekend:

Friday (2/8): Fellowship starts at 7:00pm with a couple of songs led by Zeshen and a fun game led by Dingding. Elder Chung-Wen and brother Cheu-jey will each lead a group studying God of Creation (2).

Sunday (2/10): Worship starts at 10:45 am. Brother Guomin Shan will speak a message on "What Jesus Wants From Us" (Mark 3:13-15). Sister Wei will lead the singspiration. Cheu-jey & Shu-hui will serve as ushers and Christy will be the sermon interpreter. Children can attend the age appropriate programs at the First Assembly of God. We look forward to seeing you this weekend.

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