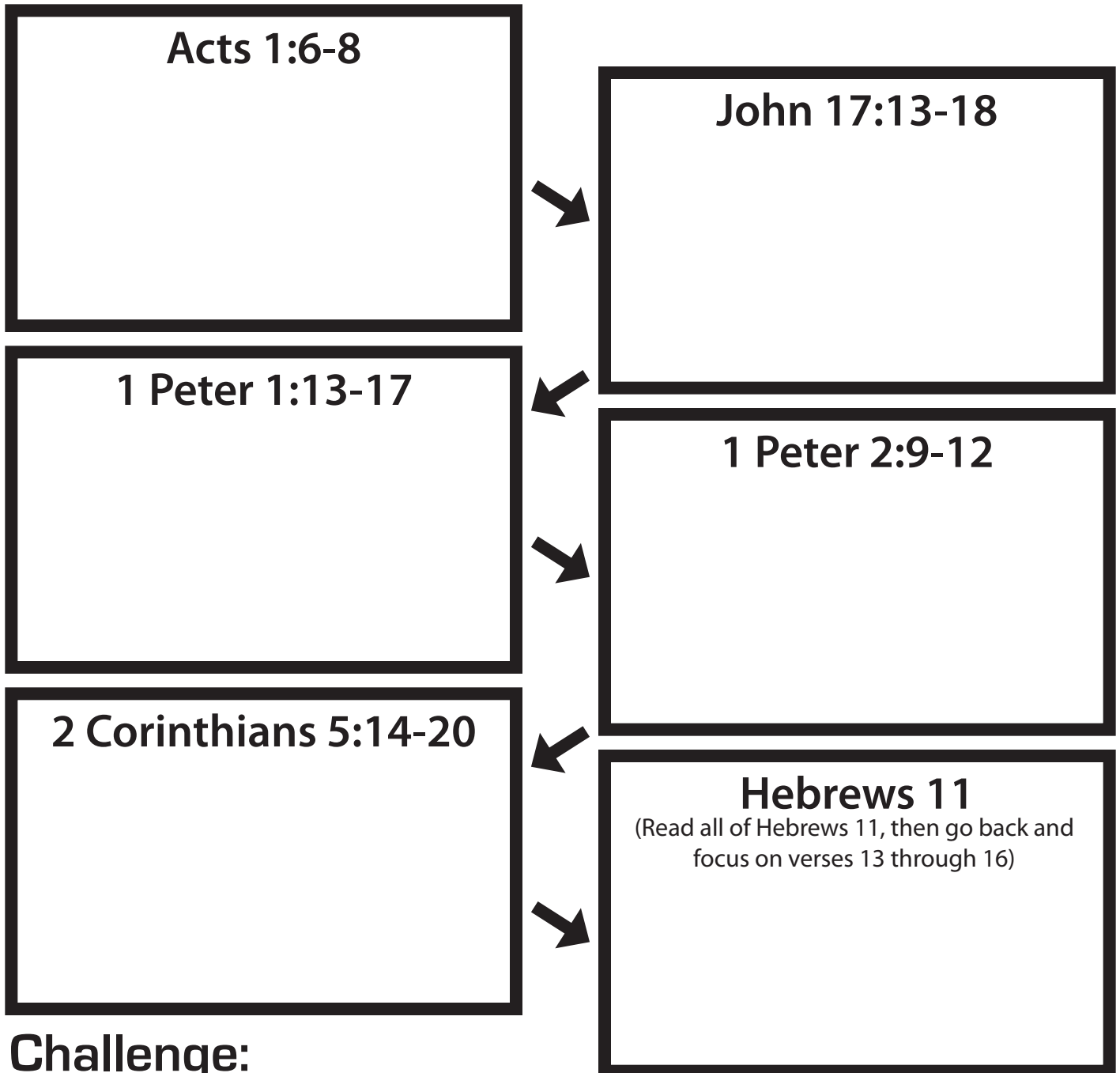


Sent Into the World

"Go into all the world..." -- Mark 16:15

"A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." -- William Shedd



Challenge:

Complete the "Sent Into the World" worksheet on the next three pages. Considering everything you have learned through this study, what will your ministry look like when you go out into the world to make disciples?

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As this study comes to a close, it's imperative that you allow God to turn your focus outward and begin seeking those He wants to impact through you.

Who are some people in your life that you believe may not be right with Christ? What specific prayers can you begin praying for them??

List the top four or five most significant needs you see in your peers.

What are the three or four most important personal contributions you can bring to meeting those needs?

"When you are on your death bed, you will be asking only two questions: Who did I love? Who loved me? You won't be thinking about your GPA, MBA, IRA, or BMW. You will be overwhelmed by the depth (or lack of depth!) of relationships you formed during your brief stay on this planet."

--Steve Shadrach, The Fuel and the Flame

"I wonder if it might be true that if we are not engaged in spiritual friendship, there are things we can never learn as disciples--no matter how many Bible studies we join, classes and courses we complete, sermons we take notes on, verses we memorize, doctrines we affirm. Might spiritual friendship be an essential dimension of our own training as disciples, an experience we need as much as others do? And further, might it be fair to say we cannot really call ourselves disciples if we are not following Jesus' and Peter's example of being 'friends of sinners'--spiritual friends who love, accept, learn with, and teach those who are missed by God, precious to God?"

--Brian McLaren, More Ready Than You Realize

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Consider again Matthew 13:44-46.

Was this your response to the best news?

What have you “sold” for the Kingdom?

What do you need to sell?

The primary difference between Jesus and any other “good” person was his purpose. Are you living your life on purpose? How does that line up with His? How is that demonstrated in your life?

“The Master said that he who “does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:38). Deitrich Bonhoeffer, the German martyr, caught the meaning of this when he wrote, ‘When Jesus calls a man, he bids him come and die.’ We have no reason or right to choose another way than the way God chose in Jesus Christ. The Cross is both the symbol of our salvation and the pattern of our lives. When our dogmatic beliefs and moral principles do not realize themselves in discipleship, then our holiness is an illusion.”

--Brennan Manning, The Signature of Jesus

