

# FOLLOWING JESUS

## ANSWERING THE CALL OF JESUS

MARK 1:16-20

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS — SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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### LOOK TO GOD'S WORD

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1. Has your perspective on who Jesus is been changed this past week? Share one way you have intentionally followed Jesus this week.

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1. Read this week's passage:

*Mark 1:16-20 (English Standard Version)*

*Chapter 1*

*16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.*

2. Recap what God is saying to all of us through the passage:
  - The call to follow Jesus is available to all, including you. (Mark 1:17, 19-20a)
  - The call to follow Jesus will demand everything of you. (Mark 1:20)
  - The call to follow Jesus is bigger than you. (Mark 1:17-20a)
3. As you reflect on Sunday's sermon, what insight was particularly distinctive, helpful, encouraging, and/or challenging to you? What insight was difficult to grasp? What aspects of this sermon do you hope we talk about as a group?

### LOOK FORWARD

*Consider the implications of the passage for His body and His mission in the world.*

1. The Bible tells us that the call to follow Jesus is available to all, including you. \*Church Group Leader - we may have some in our groups who do not know Jesus personally. First, take some time to make sure those in your group understand that the call to follow Jesus is available to each of us. If there are those in your group who do not know Jesus, take time to share the gospel and offer them an opportunity to follow Jesus today. Or, offer to meet at a later time with anyone who has questions!
2. Read Psalm 67, Matthew 28:18-20, and Acts 1:8 aloud as a group. Who, in our lives, needs to hear that God's calling is available to all? Take some time to share these names with your Church Group family. Pray for them! How can we share the good news of Jesus this very week with those we prayed for?
3. The call to follow Jesus will demand everything of you. His call may not always be a call to desert



our previous attachments, but it is a call to devalue our previous attachments. What current aspects of your life might rival your attachment to Jesus? How would you complete this sentence: “Jesus, I will follow you if \_\_\_\_\_.” Take some time to talk through this as a group. What steps could you take, in faith, to begin releasing these attachments, further entrusting to Him both yourself and everything in your life?

4. The call to follow Jesus is bigger than you. When we are reconciled to Christ we are reconciled to Christ’s body – the church. Read Ephesians 2:19-22, Ephesians 3:10, and Matthew 12:46-50. How might God’s idea of community differ from our idea of community?. How does our call to follow Jesus compel us to love our church family well?
5. The call to follow Jesus is also a call to be fishers of men and invite others into this family. How does that truth compel us to preach the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection to those around the world who have yet to hear? What are some ways our Church Group can help each other make disciples of all nations?
6. Consider taking some time, as a large group or broken into smaller huddle groups, to pray through the acronym PRAY (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield):

Father in Heaven,

**Praise —**

*We praise you that your call to follow Jesus is available to everyone. Thank you that this call was available to us and that is available to those we know and love.*

We praise you because \_\_\_\_\_

We thank you because \_\_\_\_\_

**Repent —**

*We confess to you that we hold things of this earth tightly! Please forgive us for valuing “things” over our relationship with you. Help us to loosen our grip on things of this world.*

We confess to You our \_\_\_\_\_

**Ask —**

*We acknowledge that the call to follow Jesus is bigger than “us”. Give us hearts that love those in our church family. Give us hearts that love those in our communities. Father, help us to love the nations and to become fishers of men!*

Help me to love \_\_\_\_\_

Help me to serve \_\_\_\_\_

Help me to share the love of Jesus this week with \_\_\_\_\_

**Yield —**

*We confess that you are our King and our Lord. We surrender our wills and our ways to you.*

We surrender to you \_\_\_\_\_

In Jesus’ name we pray all these things, Amen.