

CONN³CT

Small Group Bible Study

Mark 1:16-20

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What does it mean to follow Jesus? Discuss or take some time to consider on your own.

Mark 1:16-18 NLT "One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him.

What have we discovered about Mark's writing style in the previous study? (go back if need be)

What do we know about Simon and Andrew at this point if we only use this specific gospel reference?

Discuss Simon and Andrew's immediate response to Jesus.

Read Luke 5:1-11 for another account of this story.

Why do you think Mark chooses to leave out details such as Jesus' miracle with the fish? What is he trying to teach about Simon & Andrew's choice to follow Jesus?

Mark 1:19-20 NLT "A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

What extra detail do we notice in Jesus's call of James and John? What was their sacrifice?

How have you experienced a call from Jesus? (a simple call to follow, a call to serve in a certain way, etc..) Have you said yes to this call, and has it resulted in any loss or sacrifice in order to do so? If you haven't, has the fear of sacrifice held you back?

Discuss or reflect on the significance of these three parts of Jesus's first call.

a: COME

b: FOLLOW

c: I WILL SHOW YOU

Which part of the call would you find or have you found most difficult? a, b, or c? Discuss.

Why is "I WILL SHOW YOU" such an important promise as part of Jesus's call?

What does it mean to you as you consider His call in your life?

