

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Mark 1:16-20

Title: Jesus Call the First Disciples

Big Idea: Follow Jesus!



- I. **The extraordinary call to follow Jesus comes in the midst of ordinary circumstances.**

"It is in their world that discipleship begins." - James R. Edwards

- II. **The call to follow Jesus is given with absolute clarity, yet it also contains mystery.**

"I have never had clarity; what I have always had is trust. So I will pray that you trust God." - Mother Teresa

- III. **The call to follow Jesus - and the response - often happen in a moment, but lasts for a lifetime - eternity, in fact!**

"The process of becoming disciples of Jesus is a slow and painful one..." - Edwards

At the Table of the Lord's Supper, we are shown another great contrast: a tiny physical meal that provides incredibly substantial spiritual nourishment.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.

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Carefully read through the passage. What stands out to you? Is there anything you don't understand? What words, phrases, or verses might you want to study further?

What's happening in your life right now and how is Jesus' extraordinary call to follow him reaching your ears? How is God trying to get your attention?

Is an undue need for absolute clarity preventing you from stepping out in faith and following Jesus? How might you need to embrace mystery?

Think of your own life: Where have you come from? Think of the moment (if you have one) you began to follow Jesus. Now think of the future. Where is Jesus leading you? Now think of eternity and let the hope of heaven wash over you.

Pray:

- For ears to hear the voice of Jesus calling you.
- For courage to step out in faith and embrace mystery.
- For spiritual stamina to keep following Jesus.