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Follow Me
Matthew 4:18-22
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Discipleship: training in Christ-likeness.

I. THE FIRST DISCIPLES

- Peter, Andrew, James and John were simple fishermen. They were nothing to the world, but something to Christ (Luke 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:26-31).
- Our calling in Christ is not based on who we are, but who we will be (1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 John 3:1-2).

II. IMMEDIATELY...

- After the disciples came to know Jesus, they were ready to leave it all behind when the final call came (Luke 5:11; Mark 10:23-31).
- The call to follow Jesus is a call to leave it all for the sake of the gospel (Heb. 10:32-39).
- Jesus expects us to leave all to follow him. Nothing is to come between us and God (Luke 14:25-33).

III. DISCIPLE MAKING

- To make disciples of Jesus, one must be a disciple of Jesus (Heb. 5:11-14; 2 Tim. 2).
- The Scriptures share many examples of discipleship and training. It is the norm, not the exception (Ex. 18:13-33; Deut. 34:9; 2 Kings 2; Matt 20:17; Acts 16:3; Eph. 4:20-22; 2 Tim. 2:1-2).

KNOW: Jesus didn't disciple everyone, he disciplined those who were willing to learn and follow. He taught all who would listen and led all who would follow. Some he taught to lead as well.

DO: Follow Christ. Teach others to follow as well.

Suggested Reading:

The Cost of Discipleship, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Master Plan of Evangelism & Discipleship, by Robert E. Coleman

Jesus Christ, Disciplemaker, by Bill Hull

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

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1. Jesus gathered about himself multiple followers for training and teaching, and twelve in his "inner circle." Why, do you think? Could he not have accomplished everything without them?
2. Why is it that so few believers seek out discipling and even fewer make a point to disciple younger believers? What can we do about this?
3. We talked Sunday about being self-aware and willing to hear things about ourselves that may not be flattering. Why is that so important in our walk with Christ?
4. James and John left their father and his business to follow Jesus. Was it wrong for them to give up so much? What about their father (and mother, we may assume) and their needs?
5. What appears to have been Jesus' primary method of discipling others? What can we learn from this?
6. What are the obstacles in your life to discipling others and being disciplined?