

ROOTED: *Being and Making Disciples*

Follow Me
Matthew 4:18-22
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"...follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Matthew 4:19

I. THE FIRST DISCIPLES

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

II. IMMEDIATELY...

- After the disciples became acquainted with 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 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 our God (Luke 14:25-33).

III. DISCIPLE-MAKING

- To make disciples, one must be a disciple (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 did not disciple everyone, he disciplined those who were willing to follow. He taught all who would listen, and led all who would follow. Many learned to lead as well.

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

Suggested Reading:

Everyday Disciple-Making: Growing the Church Christ's Way by Michael Kramer (LifePoint Library #248.4 KRA)

The Master Plan of Discipleship by Robert Coleman (LifePoint Library #248.4 COL)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Matthew 4:18-22

1. Why, do you think, did Jesus gather disciples? Could he have accomplished what he wanted to accomplish without them?
2. Why do so few seek to be discipled? Why do so many fewer choose to disciple others?
3. What can we do to help others prepare to be disciple-makers?
4. James and John left their father and his business to follow Jesus. Was this proper for them to do? What about their fathers' (and mothers', we assume) needs?
5. What are the obstacles in your life to being discipled? To discipling others?
6. What do you take away from Sunday's passage/message?