

**Follow Me**  
Mark 1:16-20  
*Small Group Notes*

**INTRODUCTION**

In verse 15, Jesus shares the good news of His kingdom inviting all people to repent and believe. In Mark 1:16-20, Jesus comes to individuals in their ordinary lives and calls them to leave and follow Him.

**Read:** Mark 1:16-20

**Questions:**

- Have you ever had a time in your life that called for a complete commitment or a costly decision?
- What ways may this call to leave and follow Christ have been costly for the disciples?

**DIG AND DISCOVER**

The call to follow comes after the call to repent and believe in verse 15. Paul in Ephesians 2:5-8, reminds us that salvation is not earned but a free gift of grace. We begin a relationship with Jesus, by turning to him (repentance) and trusting (believe) in Him as our Savior and Lord. This begins a new life of following Jesus personally.

Mark gives us a picture of Christ Centered Discipleship from the response of the disciples to the call of Jesus.

**Christ centered discipleship:**

1. Is a response of whole-hearted surrender to Jesus.

How did Jesus' call require a response of complete surrender from the first disciples? What did they leave to follow Jesus?

2. Is lived out in a commitment to participate with Jesus in His mission.

Jesus calls the disciples to participate in his mission of fishing for people to capture them with his grace and love that leads to salvation and new life.

Fishing requires skill and different kinds of bait to be effective. How can we learn to increase our ability and effectiveness to reach people with God's love and grace, so that they may also find salvation and new life in Christ?

Should we view serving others as more than a small part of discipleship? Does the call of Jesus invite us to a deeper commitment of serving others?

3. Grows through teaching and intentional relationships.

Jesus calls the disciples together to follow Him. The importance of intentional relationships around Jesus' teaching permeates this passage. The disciples first relationship of importance is to be with Jesus, to each other, and then to the people they will share God's love with. How can we make more time for intentional relationships in the body of Christ to strengthen our faith in Christ and serve others as we seek to share God's love? Why do we struggle to do this at times?

**CLOSING**

Is there any specific way that God is speaking to you through His word this week?

How can we pray for each other this week?

Is there a small step of obedience that you would like to take?