

The Calling of the First Disciples - Mark 1:14-20

Topics: Believe, Family, Follow, Giving Up, Good News, Gospel, Invitation, Obedience, Sacrifice

Open It

- * 1. What kind of invitations do you enjoy receiving? Why?
- 2. For what kinds of relationships are people willing to sacrifice their own needs?
- 3. When are you most willing to set aside your own needs for another person's needs?

Explore It

- 4. Why did Jesus go to Galilee? (1:14)
- 5. What did Jesus do in Galilee? (1:14)
- 6. How were the two parts of Jesus' message connected? (1:15)
- * 7. How did Jesus want people to respond to the fact that the kingdom of God was near? (1:15)
- * 8. What did Jesus tell the people they must do besides believe His good news? (1:15)
- 9. Whom did Jesus call to be His followers? (1:16, 19)
- * 10. How did Jesus get people to follow Him? (1:17)
- 11. What does it mean to be "fishers of men"? (1:17)
- 12. How did Simon and Andrew respond to Jesus' call? (1:17)
- 13. What sacrifice did James and John make to follow Jesus? (1:20)

Get It

- * 14. What does Christ expect us to give up to follow Him?
- 15. What are you willing to give up in order to follow Christ?
- 16. What does it mean for a person to sacrifice personal achievements, friends, or even family for the sake of Christ?
- 17. What does Jesus ask all of us to do?
- * 18. What can you learn from the disciples' response to Jesus' call?
- 19. How can you obey Christ's commands more faithfully?
- 20. What prevents you from following Jesus wholeheartedly?
- 21. What action is necessary to eliminate these hindrances from your life with Christ?

Apply It

- 22. What specific attitude or action should you give up now as an act of following Christ?
- * 23. How can you follow Jesus this week?