

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

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Text: Mk 1:16-20

Sermon: Follow Me/Ted Rastatter

Questions: Jerry Shiver

This week's message picks up following Jesus' proclamation "the Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the Good News!" While beside the Sea of Galilee Jesus addresses four fishermen: Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew, and brothers James and John, telling them to "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances the brothers, dropped everything, left their families and followed Jesus.

Main point: Discipleship is leaving and following

Two observations:

- Disciples of Jesus, radically leave things behind
- Disciples of Jesus, radically follow Christ

Questions/Discussion:

1. Define disciple vs discipleship? Read Rom 10:9, 1 Pet 2:21, Matt 16:24 and discuss what makes someone a disciple of Jesus.
2. Read Matt 4:15-17 and 2 Cor 4:8 and talk about the "Good News" during Jesus' ministry on earth and after his crucifixion, in the disciple's time and now. What happens when people rightly see Christ?
3. When Jesus said to the disciples "Come follow me." They responded in a "radical way", by leaving both family and occupations. Read Matt 8:21-22, Mk 3-31-35, and Mk 8:34. Discuss what "radical way" could mean today in terms of life changes, goals, relationships.
4. Christ meets everyone individually, take a moment to share how following Christ has uniquely altered your life.
5. While discipleship under Jesus begins with "follow me" and a detachment from our previous life, it leads to "follow me" in his mission to be "fishers of men". Discuss the advantages, disadvantages, and challenges we, as believers today, face compared to the disciples and Jesus. Read Lk 4:18-21 & 28-30, Matt:26:59, Jn 15:18, Acts 5:17-18, Jn 14:26, 1 Jn 2:27 (sorry for the many verses).
6. Ted closed this week's message by quoting missionary Jim Elliot "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Also read Phil 1:21 and discuss both.