



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Mark 1:16–20

Questions for the Week: What is the best invitation that you have ever received? What invitations have you accepted that ended up requiring more commitment than you imagined when initially accepting? What do you think it means for Jesus to invite us to become his disciples?

READ THE TEXT – Mark 1:16–20

The Structure

1. Calling of Simon and Andrew (1:16–18 // Matt 4:18–20; see also John 1:35–42; Luke 5:1–11)
 - 1.1. Jesus saw . . . (Mark 1:16)
 - 1.1.1. While walking beside the Sea of Galilee
 - 1.1.2. “Simon and Andrew casting nets”
 - 1.1.2.1. Simon 11x in Mark (Mark 1:16, 29, 30, 36; 3:16, 18; 6:3; 14:3; 14:37; 15:21)
 - 1.1.2.1.1. Simon Peter (Mark 1:16, 29, 30, 36; 3:16; 14:37)
 - 1.1.2.1.2. Simon the Zealot (Mark 3:18)
 - 1.1.2.1.3. Simon the brother of Jesus (Mark 6:3)
 - 1.1.2.1.4. Simon the Leper (Mark 14:3)
 - 1.1.2.1.5. Simon of Cyrene (Mark 15:21)
 - 1.1.2.1.6. “Peter” mentioned 19x in Mark (Mark 3:16; 5:37; 8:29, 32, 33; 9:2, 5; 10:28; 11:21; 13:3; 14:29, 33, 37, 54, 66, 67, 70, 72; 16:7)
 - 1.1.2.2. Andrew 4x in Mark (Mark 1:16, 29; 3:18; 13:3)
 - 1.1.3. They were fishermen (see Jer 16:16, 20; 10:28)
 - 1.2. Jesus’s Words (Mark 1:17; see also Mark 8:34–38; 10:28–31)
 - 1.2.1. “Follow after me”
 - 1.2.2. “I will make you fishers of men”
 - 1.3. Response (1:18)
 - 1.3.1. Immediately they left their nets
 - 1.3.2. They followed him
2. Calling of James and John (Mark 1:19–20 // Matt 4:21–22)
 - 2.1. Jesus saw (1:19)
 - 2.1.1. “James” mentioned 13x in Mark (Mark 1:19, 29; 3:17, 18; 5:37; 6:3; 9:2; 10:35, 41; 13:3; 14:33; 15:40; 16:1)

- 2.1.1.1. James son of Zebedee (Mark 1:19, 29; 3:17; 9:2; 10:35, 41; 13:3; 14:33)
- 2.1.1.2. James son of Alphaeus (Mark 3:18)
- 2.1.1.3. James brother of Jesus (Mark 6:3)
- 2.1.1.4. James the younger (Mark 15:40; 16:1?)
- 2.1.2. “John” mentioned 26x in Mark (Mark 1:4, 6, 9, 14, 19, 29; 2:18[x2]; 3:17; 5:37; 6:14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25; 8:28; 9:2, 38; 10:35, 41; 11:30; 11:32; 13:3; 14:33)
- 2.1.2.1. John the Baptist (Mark 1:4, 6, 9, 14; 2:18[x2]; 6:14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25; 8:28; 11:30, 32)
- 2.1.2.2. John son of Zebedee, brother of James (Mark 1:19, 29; 3:17; 5:37; 9:2, 38; 10:35, 41; 13:3; 14:33)

2.2. Calling (1:20a)

2.3. Response (1:20b)

- 2.3.1. Leaving their father in the boat with workers
- 2.3.2. They went after him

Activities and Questions this Week:

- Examine how the role of a disciple is described in the Gospel of Mark:
 - Mark 3:13–15
 - Mark 8:34–38
 - Mark 10:28–31)
- Consider how frequently the disciples failed in the Gospel of Mark:
 - Mark 4:13
 - Mark 4:41
 - Mark 6:51–52
 - Mark 8:14–21
 - Mark 8:31–33
 - Mark 9:19, 32
 - Mark 10:35–45
- Compare the calling account of the first disciples in John and Luke 5:1–11
 - John 1:35–51
 - Luke 5:1–11

Weekly Questions:

- What does this passage say about God?
- What stood out to you from the text this week?
- What does this text say about the Lord’s reign and what it means to be his set apart people?
- Who are the characters of this story?
- What does this passage invite us to:
 - Do?
 - Think?
 - Feel?
- How did the sermon or passage encourage you to Love God and Love People?
- Which characters do you identify with most in the story? Why?