SUMMARY

We've spent time building habits and gaining tools to see us through the next 5 years living a life more devoted and closer to God and the ideal He has for us in this life. But what does God want us to do with all of that?

SCRIPTURE

- Matthew 4:18-22 Calling disciples
- Mark 1:16-20 Calling disciples
- Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission.
- Romans 12:3-8 The Body

ICEBREAKER

Are you a morning or a night person?

START WELL

- Read the scripture reference(s) and the discussion topics.
- Pray for your meeting and group.
- · Be the first to smile!

END WELL

- · Remind people to pray
- · Update the prayer journal
- · Give praise reports and updates
- Follow up with your group midweek

DISCUSSION

Let's understand where people are coming from first:

- What does the word "church" mean to you?
- How has the "church" affected your relationship with God? With others?
- How did you find Branches (or the church you currently attend)?
- · What was the first visit like?

A common theme for many people who "stick around" is that they were welcomed, invited, or they belonged before they believed or behaved.

Matthew 4:18-22 & Mark 1:16-20

- Discuss the similarities and differences between these passages.
- What stands out to you about Jesus in this passage? About Simon and Andrew?
- How would you have reacted if you were Simon/Andrew? What if you were Zebedee?
- Did any of the disciples fit the mould before Jesus called them?

One of the deepest desires of our hearts is to be known or *found*.

Jesus found His people and they went on to find more people. Found people find people.

- Besides Jesus calling on your heart and mind, who "found you"?
- What impact has that person had on your life?

We are called to emulate Jesus - finding people in need of a savior (hint: everyone).

Matthew 28:16-20

- What does it mean to you to "go and make disciples"?
- Do you believe Jesus is with you in that effort? Why or why not?
- What can you do to make your church a place of belonging before behaving or believing?
- · When will you start?

