

## Step 2 - Engage (powered by Justifying Grace)

1. Read Matthew 4: 18-22. In the first study on “Discover” found in John 1:39, the Disciples were listening to Jesus and trying to understand his claims and teachings. In Matthew’s telling of the story, they take another step. What is the significance of leaving their nets and boats to follow Jesus? When in life have you found that following Jesus becomes that it seemed that God was asking you to engage in a deeper commitment?
2. In John Wesley’s analogy of grace, the front yard and porch represent Prevenient Grace. What symbolizes Justifying grace in the “house” analogy?
3. At what point in life did you consciously realize that you were taking on the name of Christ-follower or Christian? If you have never come to that place, what about faith is for you a challenge to truly engage in a relationship with God?
4. How does “walking through the front door” change the nature of relationship with someone who visits your home? Who do you let in your front door? What does that signify? What does it signify with our relationship with God?
5. What keeps people from being willing to reconcile with God?
6. When talking about Justifying grace, which words describe it best for you: saved, redeemed, reconciled, or another image?
7. In your spiritual walk, what conversations have you had about your use of finances and your values in following Jesus?

## Next Steps - *Discipleship Pathway*

8. Go to <https://vhumc.org/next-steps/engage/> and press “more” under small groups, serving others in need, or volunteering in church and see what options might be available when you use the search option.