



Sermon Title: The One We Follow

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Mark 1:14-20

Big Idea: Line up behind Jesus and your life immediately changes.

When Jesus says come follow me – it’s similar to when Jesus told Peter, get behind me Satan – when Peter was arguing against Jesus’ death on a cross. “line up behind me” “Come and Follow” We are behind him living out ; follow the leader!

The most important transformation a person can go through is a

- CHANGE IN YOUR BELIEF

First Jesus mentions the timing of the Father’s plan. **(Mark 1:14,15)** People have wandered so far away from God they no longer recognize him at work or how close he really is.

Belief in Jesus as savior, this change in belief is not a renovation or a minor modification. Faith in Jesus is a knock down, pour a new foundation, new construction. Your sinful self is GONE! You become a new creation when you choose to only trust Jesus as your savior.

- CHANGE IN YOUR PURPOSE

Who do you follow? Do you check social media more than you check in with Jesus? Or podcast more than you pray? The one you follow may very well have control of your heart and you life.

Picture the moment: Jesus is walking along the shore, locks eyes on Simon and Andrew – specifically looking at them and then speaks those famous words: “Come follow me” I will send you out to fish for people.” When you line up behind me – I will make you fish for people. **Mark 1:14:16,17**

Jesus did not roll into town and call a wise old person, or a synagogue leader, or a powerful politician, or a mighty military man. He called fishermen! Those who worked the sea and came home smelling like soggy nets, fish slime, and guts.

Fishing at this time was a demanding job. These men worked no matter how hot or cold it was to provide for their families; often at night. - Andrew, Peter, James, and John – lived this kind of life. Maybe, Jesus chose fishermen, not only to point them to a new catch but also because of their willingness to: do hard work, with unknown results, willingly waiting on great rewards. Just the attitude Jesus needed for the new purpose in life – Fishing for people.

- CHANGE IN YOUR PRIORITIES

Mark 1:14:18:20

Jesus' calling is so irresistible it causes change in priorities.

Simon (Peter) and Andrew left their nets – the most important tool catching fish and supporting their families. James and John, not only left their nets but also their father. “The father in a Jewish home was the family’s guardian, business manager, judge, priest, and teacher.”¹ To say that James and John left their father to follow Jesus indicates the level of their change. They did not just leave their present day livelihood, but also put their long term future at risk – because father would have been the owner of everything, and in that these men were risking their earthly inheritance. A Change in Purpose - Risking everything, they chose to follow Jesus and make him known.

For you: How urgent is it to follow Jesus?

Are you willing let the Holy Spirit change your priorities?

People have come to faith in Jesus and have had their lives completely changed. Thieves have stop stealing, adulterers have become faithful, Business people have stopped cheating customers and vendors, drug dealers have stopped dealing, Gossips have recognized their sin and changed what and who they talk about and judgmental people have become filled with mercy and charity.

Faith in Jesus, truly, is being BORN AGAIN (Life Changing).

No longer following yourself, personal desires, and temptations – instead being changed by the Holy Spirit to have the priorities of Jesus.

Salvation (NOW/CERTAIN)

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Why did Jesus call fishermen over scholars?
- What did Jesus' disciples have to sacrifice in their personal lives to follow Him?
- Do you feel an urgency to get people to follow Jesus? Explain
- What has following Jesus cost you?
- Do you ever question whether you have enough qualifications for God to use you? Explain