

# Invitation to the Journey with Jesus

We can all identify pivotal moments that changed our lives. Can you imagine what it might have felt like for those fishermen, to stand on the boat staring into the face of Jesus as he extended his hand in invitation? They had no idea the fullness of what they would find on the journey with Jesus.

I. “\_\_\_\_\_ me...” Matthew 4.19a

A. He invites them to make an important decision.

1. John 1.38 they called him \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Jewish Rabbis had disciples. It was a culture of community and apprenticeship.
  - b) Jesus was inviting “sinners” to be his disciples. (Luke 5.32)
2. Before making a decision, “counting the cost.” Luke 14.28
  - a) Luke 14.33 “Whoever does not \_\_\_\_\_ all...”
  - b) We all make sacrifices, and we all crave purpose.
3. Is Jesus worth following?
  - a) He had the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Colossians 2.9)
  - b) He laid down his life. (John 15.13)

II. “\_\_\_\_\_ Will Make You...” Matthew 4.19b

A. Jesus followers will be given a new \_\_\_\_\_. (Ezekiel 11.19)

1. The heart can be incredibly \_\_\_\_\_. (Jeremiah 17.9)
2. It can also be a wellspring of life. (Proverbs 4.23)

B. Who does the changing?

1. It is God who works. (Philippians 2.13)
2. We are being transformed into the same image, from one degree of glory to another. (2 Corinthians 3.18)

III. “\_\_\_\_\_ of Men...” Matthew 4.19c

A. Jesus brought people \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Luke 8.1-3)

1. His disciples were not seminarians, politicians, CEOs.
2. The early church was composed of people who were very different.

B. We are invited to share in his mission. (Matthew 28.19-20)

1. Go and make \_\_\_\_\_...
2. Baptizing them...
3. Teaching to observe all that I have commanded.

IV. The Profile of a Mature Disciple

A. Head. An earnest allegiant faith, an intention to follow Jesus.

B. Heart. A heart that is being molded to reflect the love of Jesus.

C. Hands. Actively participating in kingdom life and the mission of Jesus.

The journey with Jesus is lifelong. What is the next step for you as a disciple? Are you still standing on the boat? The invitation is for anyone and everyone. “Come, follow me.”

## **Scripture**

Matthew 4.18-19

## **Blanks**

Follow

Rabbi

Renounce

Fullness

I

Fishers

Heart

Sick

With

Disciples

## **Questions**

What is the 'head' component of Jesus invitation?

What does Jesus say he will do to our hearts as we follow him?

What does Jesus say we will learn to do with our hands as his disciples?

Using Matthew 4.19, how could we define discipleship?

How might the culture of a church change when more and more people begin to engage head, heart and hands?