

Matthew Episode 7 Pastor Dwight Dalton

Matthew 4:12-16 ESV

Isaiah 9:1-2 NKJV

Isaiah 8:22 NKJV

Matthew 4:17 ESV

The kingdom of heaven and the church are not the same.

Matthew 4:18-22 ESV

John 1:35-42 ESV

Luke 5:3, 11 ESV

Jesus had encountered them before—Here in Matthew is the Call

It was not as if they were poor and had nothing to give up or lose

God usually calls people as they are busy doing something. Jesus called the apostles as they were casting a net into the sea or mending their nets.

“They were busy in a lawful occupation when he called them to be ministers: our Lord does not call idlers but *fishers*.” (Spurgeon)

Follow Me—they immediately left their boat and followed

Following Jesus means leaving some things behind. The Samaritan woman left her pitcher, Matthew left his tax table, and blind Bartimaeus left his cloak to follow Jesus.