



Come Follow Me

MARK 1:16–20 • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

Jesus meets people in ordinary life and calls them to follow him. His grace begins the relationship, and life with him reshapes who we become and how we care for others.

READ THE PASSAGE FIRST • Mark 1:16–20

Read slowly once. Then return to the passage as you work through Notice and Listen.

01 NOTICE

What is happening in the text?

What are Simon, Andrew, James, and John doing when Jesus calls? What does each pair leave behind?

Notice Jesus' invitation and promise in verse 17. What does he ask them to do, and what does he promise to do?

02 LISTEN

What is God showing us?

Jesus takes the initiative. What does his call suggest about his desire for relationship with people in the middle of ordinary life?

Consider "I will make you..." (v. 17). How does this promise shape your understanding of learning and becoming a disciple?

Following Jesus This Week

NOTICE / LISTEN / RESPOND

03 RESPOND

What might faithfulness look like?

Every step with Jesus involves something to leave, something to learn, and a life to live. Jesus forms us as we follow.

Choose one situation you expect to face this week. It might be a conversation, a decision, or an ordinary responsibility.

LEAVE What do I need to release to follow Jesus here?

LEARN What can I learn from Jesus about this situation?

LIVE What is one step I can take that expresses his care for others?

My next step and when I will take it:

A SIMPLE DAILY PRACTICE

At the end of the day, ask: Where did I notice Jesus' invitation? What am I learning as I follow? Ask for grace to take your next step tomorrow.

IN COMMUNITY

Small-group conversation

1. What difference does it make that Jesus calls the disciples before they understand everything following him will involve?
2. What makes releasing something familiar or good difficult? How can we discern what following Jesus requires?
3. How might an ordinary task become a way to care for someone? Share a next step and how you could encourage one another.

THIS WEEK'S INVITATION

Take one small step with Jesus in the situation you chose. Return to it during the week: What are you releasing, learning, and putting into practice?