



Sermon Discussion Guide

August 9, 2026

Refresh

Read Matthew 4:18-25 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Jesus' first words to the disciples are simply, "Follow me." What does it practically mean to follow Jesus rather than merely believe certain things about Him? What distinguishes a disciple from someone who simply identifies as a Christian?

Jesus called ordinary fishermen and promised, "I will make you fishers of men." How does knowing that Jesus is the one who transforms and equips His followers encourage you when you feel inadequate or unqualified to serve Him?

Jesus intends for His followers to become "fishers of men." Who has God placed in your life right now that you could intentionally point toward Christ? What makes evangelism difficult for you, and what might help you become more intentional?

Peter, Andrew, James, and John responded "immediately" when Jesus called them. Why are we often hesitant to immediately obey God when confronted with His will? How can we cultivate our hearts to be quick to obey when Jesus calls us?

Following Jesus cost these disciples their comfort, livelihood, security, and eventually much more. What has following Jesus cost you? How can we ready ourselves to follow Jesus regardless of the cost?

Jesus' authority over every kind of sickness and affliction gives us a glimpse of the kingdom He will one day bring in its fullness. How should confidence in Christ's present authority and coming kingdom change the way we live, suffer, and serve Him today?