

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 8, 2015

Passage: Mark 1:16-20

Memory Passage: Mark 1:17-18

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 1:16-20.** What does the text tell us about why Jesus chose these 4 particular men?
- (b) According to Mark's presentation, what do these 4 men know about Jesus and the nature of following Him?
- (c) What did Jesus ask these men to give up, and what in fact did they give up in order to follow Him?
- (d) What implications about God's character, how He calls people, and how we should respond can you draw from your answers to (a) – (c)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 1:16-20.** If you were a fish, would it be a good thing or bad thing to land in any of these men's nets? Why?
- (b) Would it be a good thing or bad thing to land in their nets as they fished for men? Why? In what ways is a person caught in the net of a fisher of men the same as the fish caught in the net of a fisher of fish? In what ways is it different?
- (c) What do you think these 4 men thought Jesus meant by the phrase, "fishers of men?"
- (d) Notice the word, "become" in v. 17. What does this tell you about the process of becoming fishers of men? How does this affect your work as you fish for men, and for the people God places into your nets?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Mark 1:16-20.** How is Jesus' authority as the Son of God revealed in these verses?
- (b) How is Jesus' authority as the Son of God shown in the calling of every true believer?
- (c) If you were Zebedee, or one of the hired servants, what would you have said to James & John when they left their nets?
- (d) If you were Simon, Andrew, James, or John, what would you have said to Jesus?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 1:16-20.** What does Jesus' calling of disciples have to do with the kingdom of God (v. 15)?
- (b) What did Jesus' words, "Follow me" produce in these 4 men (note that they immediately turned from their families and/or occupations & followed) and how does the previous context prepare us for this response?
- (c) Was Jesus' call to these 4 men more sweeping than His call to people today (i.e. does everyone need to leave everything in order to follow Him)? Please don't answer flippantly! Think through the implications of this question before answering.

(d) What did you turn from in order to follow Jesus as His disciple? Is your calling different from the calling of these 4 men?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) **Read Mark 1:16-20.** When you preach the gospel and call men & women to follow Christ, (1) how do you present them with the authority of the Son of God, and (2) what do you tell them they need to give up?

(b) How is Christ's demand that we give up everything and follow him (cf. Mark 8:34-36) apparent in your daily life?

(c) What does it mean to "follow" Jesus? Where is He going? What is He doing? What is He saying? Etc.

(d) In what ways do you "follow" Jesus every day in your normal routine? How do you disciple others who ask what it means to "follow" Jesus? How do you describe to a seeker what this command means?

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