



That's My Church - Week 4

We are called by Christ to make disciples. We will answer this call by _____.

Objective: For each of us to fill in this blank..

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

- Who has God put around you that doesn't know Christ?

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. Philippians 3:17 (ESV)

- Everyone needs a Paul (someone to disciple us) and everyone needs a Timothy (someone to disciple). Who is (or could be) your Paul? Who is (or could be) your Timothy?

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (ESV)

- One way we become more like Christ is by being part of a community of Christ followers. Describe a time when a community of Christ followers helped you grow in your faith.
- What are some of the challenges that sometimes make it difficult for people to experience this kind of community?
- How will you personally answer Christ's call to go make disciples? How will you answer this call as a group?

Final thought: Pray with your group and during your personal prayer time this week for God to give you a desire to make disciples of others. Pray for those God has put around you that do not know Christ and that He will give you opportunities to reach out to them.

For Further Study

To use this resource, simply select one or two questions from each category below that you think will help your group discussion. Alternatively, you can use these questions and scriptures in your own personal devotions during the week.

Open

Describe someone that has been a mentor in your life. How have they impacted you?

Explore

Read Matthew 4:18-22.

In this passage, Jesus calls His first disciples, Peter, Andrew, James and John. And he said to them, “*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*” (4:19)

Where did these particular events take place? (4:18)

Who did Jesus see as He walked by? (4:18) What were Simon and Andrew doing when Jesus approached them? (4:18)

What did these brothers do for a living? (4:18)

What exactly did Jesus say to Simon and Andrew? (4:19)

What was Simon and Andrew’s response to Jesus’ words? (4:20)

How long did Simon and Andrew deliberate over Jesus’ offer? (4:20)

In what activity were James and John involved? (4:21)

What did Jesus do when He saw the two brothers, James and John? (4:21)

How did James and John react to Jesus’ challenge? (4:22)

Reflect

What does it mean to be a “fisher of men”?

How risky was it for Peter, Andrew, James, and John to drop everything (jobs and families) to go with Jesus?

How do you think you might have responded had you been fishing with these men and heard Jesus direct this challenge to you?

What do you think Jesus saw in these men?

What does it mean for you to follow Jesus?

Apply

In what ways do you feel God is calling you to go and become “fishers of men”? What are some specific things you can do this week to disciple someone?