



Scripture Reading: Mark 1:16-20

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Questions:

1. Before we ever saw Jesus, he saw us, right where we were, and moved toward us. Do you believe that God moves *toward* us in our sin, suffering, and messiness of life? Why or why not?
2. Jesus doesn't only call us to himself, he also calls us for himself. Where is Jesus calling you to shift your priorities or even leave something behind and follow him?
3. We are also called to one another—other believers. How has being in community helped to stir your affections for Jesus? What is an area that you feel, with the help of Jesus, and your group you can grow in? Thinking through the spiritual disciplines is a good place to start.
 - a. Confession of sin/repentance
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Fasting
 - d. Scripture Reading/Meditating on Scripture
 - e. Solitude
 - f. Celebration