



A Generous Life

What Defines You? (Mark 1:16-20)

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BIG IDEA: A fully generous life is merely a shift of a few, very significant, degrees.

What Defines You?

1. Our definition starts right where we are - we don't have to wait around or change a lot about ourselves at the first.

- When Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the lake because they were fishermen (vs 16).

2. Who defines us matters - we will all be defined by something or someone - but we can make a significant choice about who and what defines us.

- Come follow me and I will make you fish for people (vs 17).
 - I. It is ultimately Jesus who defines us, not us defining ourselves.
 - II. The definition is lived out together - "Follow me."
 - III. The definition is not an immediate process, but it is a full process - "I will make you."
 - IV. The definition changes the direction of our focus - "fish for people."

3. A generous life is only a few degrees shift.

- Jesus used the training and resources they had to further his kingdom - Mark 3:9 - He told his disciples to get the boat ready.
- Jesus used a boat at times to get away so he could be with God - Mark 6:32.

