

Message Notes
"Follow Me." And They Started
Mark 1:16-20
Jesus: The Gospel of Mark 3



1. "Follow Me" means "Follow Me!"

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It always starts with Jesus looking for us (John 15:16)

Following Jesus is a cause, not a club

Paseo del Rey's Mission: Partnering with God to transform people into fully devoted followers of Jesus to His Glory

What does a fully devoted follower of Jesus look like?

a. Loves Jesus, so Obeys Jesus (John 14:15)

b. Confessing Sin (1 John 1:5-10)

2. Simon-Peter, Mark, Me, and our God of Fresh Starts

Mark 1:16

Simon-Peter: Mark 14:31

John-Mark: 2 Timothy 4:13 (Acts 12:12, 25; 13:13; 15:36-40;
Colossians 4:10, Philemon 24)

Simon-Peter and John-Mark: 1 Peter 5:13

3. Take a Dramamine and Get Fishing!

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Followers of Jesus Follow Jesus!

Growth Group Questions
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1. Has God called you to follow Him? Have a couple people in your group share the story of how God called them to follow Him. Celebrate how God is working.

2. Share somewhere in your life where something new and something old didn't mix well together. (Like, old furniture in a new apartment or home, or old software with a new O.S.)

- a. Read our teaching passage again, Mark 1:16-20. What is clear the four men left behind to follow Jesus? What else *might* they have let go of in order to follow Him?
- b. Jesus' call to us to become fully devoted followers means difficult choices along the road. Think through Luke 14:25-27 and 9:57-62. What does Jesus mean? Is there something inherently wrong with nets and families?
- c. Where are you in the process of leaving "old things" behind and embracing the new things Jesus commands? Let's be specific.

3. On Sunday, we taught that John-Mark hung out with Simon-Peter and listened to his telling of his first hand experiences with Jesus over and over again. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Mark then wrote the very first Gospel as Simon-Peter had told the awesome story. (Matthew, Luke and John's writings followed Mark's Gospel.) Look at Acts 15:36-41, Colossians 4:10 and 1 Peter 5:12-13. Think about the unique roles people as diverse as Barnabas, Paul and Simon-Peter played in John-Mark's life. How have a variety of people positively affected your life?

4. Followers of Jesus follow Him. Followers of Jesus love Him. Followers of Jesus obey Him. See John 14:15, 23-24. One of Jesus' commands to His followers is that we "fish for men," Mark 1:17. What pond are you sinking your hook into? Think of a person you'd like to share the Good News of Jesus with, and pray that you'll get fishing. (Remember: God's commands are really His promises and provisions in disguise. God prompts us and enables us to faith-obey!)