

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Mark 1:16-20

For Starting

- If you had your own TV Talk Show, who would be your first *three* guests? Why?
- What qualities do you look for in a friend?
- What is something that you think God wants you to do this coming week?
- Using a one sentence prayer, thank God for something or invite Him to be present at this meeting.

For Reviewing

- Where was Jesus when He met the disciples (v.16)? What were they doing – and why?
- What exactly is Jesus' invitation (v.17)? What is not included?
- How did Peter and Andrew respond (v.18)?
- Who else did Jesus meet (v.19)? What were they doing?
- How did they respond to Jesus' invitation (v.20)?

For Discussion

- What are some of the obstacles that people have when deciding to follow Jesus wholeheartedly?
- The disciples had to decide between their jobs/family or following Jesus. Discuss a time when you had to make a tough choice to step out in faith and follow Jesus.
- Jesus called people with no special training – just willing. What does this say about what Jesus wants from His followers?
- Read Mark 10:17-21. What did the rich young man lack?
- Jesus invested in His disciples for three years. Why do you think that Jesus would preach to large crowds but only call a few men to be His disciples?
- Does Jesus' call – to leave everything behind – seem too unreasonable, radical and risky? Why or why not?
- You could end by reading together Mark 1:17-18.

Mark 1:16-20 (NIVUK)

Jesus calls his first disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

