

The Call

Part 1. The Call to FOLLOW

Ask someone to give a brief recap of the talk.

Read Matthew 4.18–22.

Jewish boys were either chosen by a Rabbi for being intelligent and skilled, or told they weren't good enough and told to go and work for their father.

- What does this passage show you about Jesus' character?
- How do you feel about the idea that Jesus chooses imperfect people and people that the world deems 'not good enough'?

Jesus saw the Disciples as he was walking by the lake and called them to follow Him. Similarly, he sees us, and calls us to walk with him and follow him.

- Do we sometimes think that God's call is reserved for only very holy and spiritual people? eg. people called to church ministry, church planting or missionary work.
- What does it mean to be called?

When the Disciples were called to follow Jesus, they did 3 things. They **listened** to Jesus, they **left** their nets, and they **lived** the rest of their lives for Him.

LISTEN

- How do you hear God's voice?
- Have you ever felt a call from God in your life?

LEAVE

- What are the nets we might need to leave behind in our lives?
- What might it look like to leave these things behind?

LIVE (Read Ephesians 4.1)

- What does it mean to live a life worthy of the calling you have received?
- What does it look like to follow Jesus with our whole lives?

BIG IDEA: We are all called to be Disciples of Jesus. We walk with him and follow him by listening to his voice, leaving the things that hold us back and living a life worthy of our call.

Spend time praying for one another. People might want to share where they feel God is calling them to and you can spend time praying into this, perhaps in smaller groups. You might want to each name a friend who isn't a follower of Jesus and spend time praying for these friends.