



Becoming Fishers Of Men

Study For The First Week Of Spring Semester

During the first Life Group after Christmas break, spend some time reflecting on Fall Semester. In light of these reflections, take a look at the disciples' response when Jesus said, "Come, follow me." Then take time to discuss what that looks like for each of you this semester.

1. What is one thing you wish would've been different about fall semester?
2. What do you feel was missing in your life last semester?
3. What changes do you hope to make in regards to #1 and #2?
4. How can we support you in the midst of making these changes?

Bible Study: Mark 1:14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" 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. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

- What message did Jesus proclaim? What was its content?
- How did Jesus say the message to individuals?
- How do you think you would've reacted if He came up to you like this?
- What do you think it means to repent, to believe, to follow, and to fish?

Mark 2:13-17

Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

- What was Levi's response to Jesus' calling him to follow?
- What interaction does Jesus have with the Pharisees?

Application: Spend 5 minutes with God on the following Q's and jot down your answers.

- What are some ways in which Jesus might say you are following him well?
- What are some things that make you feel more like a "sinner," and how can you begin to respond to His invitation to "follow" Him in this area of your life? Pray in pairs about this.
- What fishing assignment do you think Jesus is giving you this semester? Share with the group.

