WELCOME! Men's Fellowship Breakfast

September 18, 2020

Follow Me: Lessons from the Lives of the Disciples

#2 – Peter, Andrew, James and John: "I will make you fishers of men." *Matthew 4:18–22*

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Thesis for our Semester

Jesus uses *ordinary* men to accomplish His *extraordinary* mission.

John 2:11 – Wedding at Cana

"This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his gory. And his disciples believed in him."

John 2:12 – Time in Capernaum

"After this, he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers, and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days"

Matt 10:1–2 – The 12 Apostles

"1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.
2 The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother"

General Stages of Discipleship

- 1. Hang out with Jesus to get to know Him.
- Take it up a notch and be willing to follow
 Him at some level of personal cost —
 put Him above home, work, and even family.
- 3. Serve Jesus' gospel-proclaiming, disciple-making, Kingdom displaying, self-sacrificing, God-pleasing mission as your own.

Life-shaping Commitments

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A "disciple" is called to ...

- 1) ... faith in Jesus Christ. (Salvation)
- 2) ... follow after Jesus Christ and obey Him. (Sanctification)
- 3) ... fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ and tell others about Him. (*Mission*)
- 4) ... family in Christ's Church. (koinonia)

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Where do you locate yourself in the discipleship process?

Would Jesus describe you as one of the crowd or as one of His disciples?

Where do you locate yourself in the discipleship process?

If you are a disciple, in which of the three stages do you see yourself?

- Hanging out with Jesus to get to know Him
- Following Him at some level of personal cost putting Him above home, work, and even family.
- Serving Jesus' gospel-proclaiming, disciple-making, Kingdom displaying, self-sacrificing, God-pleasing mission as your own

Where do you locate yourself in the discipleship process?

Is there anything you think Jesus is calling you to do for which you need more equipping or training?

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