

## ESSENTIALS

CHRISTIANITY 101: FOLLOWING THE MASTER  
MATTHEW 4:18-21

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST

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### MESSAGE POINTS:

1. THE CALL TO FOLLOW INTERRUPTS ROUTINE (18)
2. THE CALL TO FOLLOW IMPARTS VISION (19)
3. THE CALL TO FOLLOW DEMANDS ACTION (20)
4. THE CALL TO FOLLOW ATTRACTS ATTENTION (21)
5. THE CALL TO FOLLOW IGNITES CHANGE (22)

### GOAL:

TO CALL TO FOLLOW IS ALWAYS A CALL TO MAKE MORE FOLLOWERS.

### GET GOING:

- WHEN WERE YOU CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS? WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL FAITH STORY?
- WHEN YOU FIRST FELT CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS WAS YOUR RESPONSE RELUCTANT, SKEPTICAL, HESITANT, RESISTANT, OR IMMEDIATE. EXPLAIN?
- OSWALD CHAMBERS WRITES, "THE CALL OF GOD IS NOT JUST FOR A SELECT FEW BUT FOR EVERYONE. WHETHER I HEAR GOD'S CALL OR NOT DEPENDS ON THE CONDITION OF MY EARS, AND EXACTLY WHAT I HEAR DEPENDS UPON MY SPIRITUAL ATTITUDE." WHAT DO YOU THINK HE MEANS BY THIS?
- THE CALL TO FOLLOW IS NOT ONLY TO BE A DISCIPLE BUT TO "MAKE DISCIPLES." WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DISCIPLE AND A DISCIPLE MAKER? WHICH ONE ARE YOU? EXPLAIN.
- HOW DO YOU NEED TO GROW IN BEING A DISCIPLEMAKER? WHAT OBSTACLES DO YOU NEED TO OVERCOME TO BE A FOLLOWER WHO MAKES MORE FOLLOWERS?
- IN WHAT WAYS IS GOD CALLING YOU TO USE YOU IN YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE TO BE A SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE? WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THIS? WHAT TERRIFIED YOU ABOUT THIS?

### KEEP GROWING:

- TURN TO JOHN 1:35-51
- THIS IS A PARALLEL PASSAGE TO MATTHEW 4:18-21. WHAT IS SIMILAR? WHAT IS DIFFERENT?
- WHAT WAS ANDREW'S FIRST RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING JESUS (SEE V 40-42)? WHAT WAS PHILIP'S FIRST RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING JESUS (SEE V 43-45)
- GOD USES PEOPLE TO BRING OTHERS TO JESUS. HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THIS IN YOUR LIFE AND IN OTHERS' LIVES?
- NATHANAEL WAS HESITANT TO FOLLOW JESUS. WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO IS HESITANT?
- HOW DID PHILIP RESPOND TO NATHANAEL'S SKEPTICISM? DID HE COWER IN DISCOURAGEMENT OR START AN ARGUMENT? WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM PHILIP'S RESPONSE (SEE V. 45-49)?

- HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE SHOW THE NEED TO SHARE ABOUT JESUS BUT LEAVE THE RESULTS WITH GOD?

## GET GROUNDED:

- WHAT IMPACTED YOU FROM THE MESSAGE OR STUDY?
- HAVE YOU HEARD THE CALL? IF SO, HAVE YOU ANSWERED THE CALL? IF SO, ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP OTHERS TO HEAR IT TO? IF SO, WHAT WILL THAT REQUIRE?
- HOW CAN WE BEST SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, AND PRAY FOR YOU THIS WEEK?

## MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 4:19

AND [JESUS] SAID TO THEM, "FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

