

The Calling of the First Disciples—[Mark 1:14–20](#)

Topics:

Believe, Family, Follow, Giving Up, Good News, Gospel, Invitation, Obedience, Sacrifice

Open It

1. *What kind of invitations do you enjoy receiving? Why?
2. For what kinds of relationships are people willing to sacrifice their own needs?
3. When are you most willing to set aside your own needs for another person's needs?

Explore It

1. Why did Jesus go to Galilee? ([1:14](#))
2. What did Jesus do in Galilee? ([1:14](#))
3. How were the two parts of Jesus' message connected? ([1:15](#))
4. *How did Jesus want people to respond to the fact that the kingdom of God was near? ([1:15](#))
5. *What did Jesus tell the people they must do besides believe His good news? ([1:15](#))
6. Whom did Jesus call to be His followers? ([1:16](#), [19](#))
7. *How did Jesus get people to follow Him? ([1:17](#))

8. What does it mean to be “fishers of men”? ([1:17](#))
9. How did Simon and Andrew respond to Jesus’ call? ([1:17](#))
10. What sacrifice did James and John make to follow Jesus? ([1:20](#))

Get It

1. *What does Christ expect us to give up to follow Him?
2. What are you willing to give up in order to follow Christ?
3. What does it mean for a person to sacrifice personal achievements, friends, or even family for the sake of Christ?
4. What does Jesus ask all of us to do?
5. *What can you learn from the disciples’ response to Jesus’ call?
6. How can you obey Christ’s commands more faithfully?
7. What prevents you from following Jesus wholeheartedly?
8. What action is necessary to eliminate these hindrances from your life with Christ?

Apply It

1. What specific attitude or action should you give up now as an act of following Christ?

2. *How can you follow Jesus this week?