



## PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

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### TAKEAWAY:

The Bible is a mission text, and in the verses for this study, we see Jesus calling people to join the mission.

### WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

Without a clear understanding of the mission of Jesus, we will not be able to live out the story of God.

### GOSPEL CONNECTION:

The mission of God is about life (John 10:10)! Is the church doing life-giving things for people, or simply providing a place for people who already have life?

### INTRODUCTION

- 1 What is the mission statement of your workplace?
- 2 What is your personal mission statement?
- 3 What are the benefits of a company or person having a clear mission?

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

> Read Matthew 4:18.

*18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.*

- What was the profession of Simon and Andrew? Was this in contradiction to their faith in Jesus? Why or why not?
- If they already knew Jesus and had even spent some time following Him, what are some reasons they might not yet have begun to follow Him full time?
- Based on their profession, where might Simon and Andrew have found their identity prior to this call of Jesus? Why is this significant?

> Read Matthew 4:19.

*19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."*

- What is the first aspect of Jesus' call to Simon and Andrew? What were the implications of this call?
- Why is it significant that Jesus told the men what He would "make" them, not what they would "become"?
- What did it mean that they would be made fishers of men?

> Read Matthew 4:20.

*20 At once they left their nets and followed him.*

- When does the text say they left their nets and followed Jesus? Why does this stand out?
- We know Simon and Andrew were leaving something behind, but what were they going toward?

## **APPLICATION**

- 1 What would you say is your primary identity? In what ways has your identity changed after you came to be a follower of Christ?
- 2 How have you experienced God's pursuit of you?
- 3 How do you need to act to join God on His mission to save others?

## **THIS WEEK**

- Memorize Matthew 4:19
- Read Matthew 1:1-25 on Monday
- Read Matthew 2:1-23 on Tuesday
- Read Matthew 3:1-17 on Wednesday
- Read Matthew 4:1-17 on Thursday
- Read Matthew 5:1-20 on Friday
- Read Matthew 5:21-48 on Saturday