

DISCIPLESHIP

Today's reading

Matthew 4.18 As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

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What does it mean to be called to follow Jesus?

What does it mean to catch others for Christ?

What confidence may we have that our work of leading others into discipleship may be successful?

What are the qualities of a good gatekeeper?

Matthew 9.9: As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

Matthew 9.13: Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' (Luke 5.32 'call sinners to repentance').

John 10.3: The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 13.13-15: You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

John 15.15: I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Romans 8.30: Those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

1 Thessalonians 5.24: The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.