

These questions are for the July 5, 2026, message, "Discipleship: Show me how." Please read the sermon passage (Matthew 4:18-22) out loud.

Passage Outline

1. The Caller: "Follow Me" (19).
 - a) Matthew is proving that Jesus is the Son of God, the promised "Seed" (Gen 3:15).
 - i. Jesus defeats Satan by resisting temptation (4:1-11).
 - ii. Jesus fulfills every prophecy (4:12-16).
 - iii. Jesus announces that in Him, the "Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (17).
 - b) He is the King over heaven and earth. All people must trust Him (Acts 4:12).
2. The call: "fishers of men" (19).
 - a) All followers must become "fishers of men."
 - i. Good conversations: learning to love people and engage with them.
 - ii. God conversations: learning to talk about God and faith.
 1. Expect some to be hostile.
 2. Expect others to be hungry.
 - iii. Gospel conversations: Salvation is found in trusting Jesus Christ alone.
 - b) Book recommendation: *Honest Evangelism*, by Rico Tice.
3. The cost: "left their nets" (20).
 - a) Christ is calling us to a new purpose, honoring Him above all else.
 - b) Christ is calling us to a new desire for our lives: speaking clearly about why we love Jesus Christ.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Tell us about your interaction with Jesus when you realized who He really is. He is Lord of creation, the Son of God, the Messiah, the King of the Kingdom of heaven (4:17). How has Jesus changed your mind ("repent") about everything?
2. Based on #1, above: Everyday is another gift for us to consider that this King of Heaven came to earth, found us (he found YOU!) and invited us to "follow Him." Talk about God's grace in sending His love in Jesus to search for you and find you and teach you His ways.
3. Based on #2, above: Fishers must fish. Disciples must pursue those who don't yet know Jesus. In what ways are you becoming aware that God's plan to save and serve your neighbor requires you? How does this humble you? How does this delight you?
4. Based on #2, above: You don't have to "save" anybody. You are a witness, and witnesses are successful when they tell the truth about what they've seen. How are you getting better at "good," "God," and "Gospel" conversations?
5. Did God lay one friend on your heart that you might invite to come to church with you? Who was that friend? Can we pray with you?