



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 14th May 2023

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Mark 1:14-20 Isaiah 40:8



Warm Up

How many jobs have you had? What was your favourite? What was it like to leave one job and start another? How did you feel?

Background and context

In today's world people will have several jobs or careers, it is not uncommon to change jobs up to ten times. It can be scary to make a big change in life as well as exciting. We will be exploring the call of the disciples to follow Jesus, how they dropped everything immediately to follow Him.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

READ THE TWO PASSAGES

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. What made the fishermen drop everything and follow Jesus (a stranger?)
2. How might they have felt? What do you think they told their wives?
3. Did Jesus choose them for their fishing skills? Why did He choose them?
4. How does the Isaiah passage fit in to this story?
5. What do you feel about the idea that you are chosen by Jesus?
6. What is it about Jesus that would make you want to say, 'yes'?
7. What might make you hesitate in your response to Jesus?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

8. Some of us may feel we have lost our sense of calling because of illness or grief. What is the will of God for you here and now!
9. In difficult times, how can we offer ourselves to God's service?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.