

Jesus Calling

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee, 13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - 16 "The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a Light dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

18 Now as Jesus was walking by way of the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fisherman. 19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Notes

start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

Reading #1

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? In silence meditate on that.

start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

This question just jumps into the deep: **What do you define as the "darkness(es)" that people "sit in" on the Oregon Coast?**

Simon (Peter) & Andrew, James & John each "left" an element of their life behind when Jesus called them. Peter and Andrew - "left their nets," James and John - "left the boat and their father." **Do you think (imagine) they each suddenly decided to follow Jesus, or do you think (imagine) they might have had a history which led them to immediately begin following Jesus?**

What might of their history have been? *Hearing Jesus' message? Hearing John the Baptist?*
(see John 1:35-42 for a cross reference).

These four men "saw the light" of Jesus in some capacity

How would you define "following Jesus?"

What do you think of Jesus' invitation "I will make you fishers of men?" (emphasis on His work).

start sharing. engage it with your story

Reading #2

What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

How much "history" with Jesus did you have before you heard the call to "follow him?"

Was there anything in life that you "left"?

start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

What is Christ's personal invitation to you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or simply rest quietly in the Spirit of Jesus' presence.

How do you feel about becoming "fishers of people" for a season, to practice giving invitations to church, or to following Jesus?

start praying. be bold and pray with power

prayer requests: