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This Week We're Discussing

DISCIPLOLOGY

BECOMING DISCIPLES. MAKING DISCIPLES. MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.



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Opening Scripture

Mark 1:16-20

Verse:16

And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Verse:17

Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

Verse:18

They immediately left
their nets and followed
Him.

Verse:19

When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets.

Verse:20

And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and went after Him.

TODAY'S LESSON

FROM THE WORD. FOR THE WORLD.

"THE RESPONSE"



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Discipleship

Does not begin with what we know; it begins with how we respond. Jesus did not invite these men to a class or a conference or a curriculum. He simply said follow me.

The Discipology of Jesus

What is Discipology?

Discipology

Ology, meaning
“Study”
Or
“Science”

Discipology

The art and science of
making disciples.

Three Rhythms

- ✓ Teaching –Produces Information
- ✓ Time –Produce Transformation
- ✓ Tactics –Produces Activation

Moving Through Rhythms

- ✓ Without time you will lack relationship.
- ✓ Without teaching you will lack depth.
- ✓ Without tactics, you will lack impact.

Desire

Is a strong feeling of wanting something or wishing for it to happen.

Diagnosis

People are showing up but
not growing up.

Why?

Why?

The lack of discipleship!

Solution

Moving people from crowd
to commitment.

Moving to Commitment

The Baseball Diamond

- Home Plate- Engaging in Mission
- Conversion
- Small- Group Involvement
- Discovering Gifts & Serving

Discipleship

- Happens after conversion
- Self-focused
- With Christians
- A Weekly Event
- Centered on a Topic
- Investment in Self
- Ends With You

Disciple Making

- Leads to conversation
others Focused
- With Non-Christians
- A Lifestyle
- Centered on Jesus
- Investment in Others
- Ends With Others

The Response

1. Immediate
2. Sacrificial
3. Complete

Immediate

- The word "immediately" appears repeatedly in Mark's Gospel because Mark emphasizes action. Delayed obedience is often disguised as consideration, but in God's eyes, delayed obedience is still disobedience.
- Peter and Andrew did not ask for more information. They did not negotiate the terms. They responded.

Sacrificial

- Peter and Andrew left their **nets**.
- James and John left their **boat** and even their **father**.
- The nets represented their livelihood.
- The boat represented their security.
- Their father represented familiar relationships and family expectations.
- Following Jesus always requires leaving something behind before receiving what He has ahead.

Complete

- "...and they left their father Zebedee in the boat...and went after Him."
- Jesus never called people to part-time discipleship.
- He called them into a completely new direction.
- Notice Jesus didn't simply ask them to believe differently; He asked them to live differently.
- A disciple rearranges life around Jesus instead of trying to fit Jesus into an already busy life.

Conclusion

- They heard the call.
- They responded immediately.
- They responded sacrificially.
- They responded completely.

Challenge

Following Jesus always costs something, but refusing to follow Him costs far more.

Closing Thought:

The call to discipleship is an invitation to exchange what is temporary for what is eternal. When Jesus says, 'Follow Me,' He is not asking for part of your life He is offering you the life you were created to live."