



Ignite Week Day 4 - Thursday

God, Show Me My Next Step



“Come, follow me...” — Matthew 4:19

We often want God to show us the whole plan. Where is this going? What will happen next? How will it all work out? But Jesus often gives us something much simpler: an invitation to take the next step.

When Jesus called His first disciples, He didn't give them a detailed map of everything ahead. He simply said, "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19). Their first step was clear, even though everything that would follow was not.

That is still the nature of following Jesus. He leads, and we learn to recognize His voice and respond to His direction. We may not know where every step will take us, but we can trust the One who is leading.

That's part of what you've been practicing this week. You've made space to listen, slowed down enough to pay attention, and invited Jesus to reveal anything getting in the way. Now comes another question: *Where is He leading me?*

Your next step may not be big or dramatic. In fact, it may be something Jesus has already been bringing to your attention. It may involve something He wants to change in your life, a conversation you need to have, someone to serve or encourage, an opportunity to pursue, or a need you've noticed.

You don't need to figure out the whole road ahead. Today is simply about discerning: *What is Jesus asking me to do next?*

READ

Read **Matthew 4:18–22** slowly. Notice what Jesus asks of Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

Read it again. *How do they respond to Jesus' invitation? What word, phrase, or detail catches your attention?*

ASK

Pray: Jesus, I want to follow You. I don't need to see the whole path; I just need to recognize the next step.

Help me notice what You have already been putting on my heart and be attentive to Your invitation.

Jesus, show me what You are asking me to do. Amen.

LISTEN

Sit quietly before God for several minutes. Don't strain for a big answer. Simply pay attention to what Jesus brings to mind.

What has Jesus been stirring in me? Is there something He has already been asking me to do that I've delayed, dismissed, or overlooked? Where does He seem to be leading me?

RESPOND

Based on what you heard, write down as specifically as you can the next step you believe Jesus is asking you to take.

Jesus, confirm or correct what I think I've heard, make my next step clear, and prepare my heart to respond. Amen.