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[SERMON NOTES]

**Jesus' Invitations** (Matt. 4:18-20, Rom. 5:6-8)

\_\_\_\_\_ > Obligation

Jesus invites you to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus invites you to \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_.

As we commune and contribute, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Jesus invites you to follow Him one \_\_\_\_\_ at a time.

**Further notes:**

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[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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[MY STORY]

This week we talked about discipleship to Jesus being an apprenticeship under him where we are *with* Him the entire way. We've probably all had various bosses for various jobs throughout the years. **What are some of the best bosses you've had and why? What makes you want to work for them? How do you imagine Jesus being as a boss?**

### [DIGGING DEEPER]

One of the things we learned about Jesus' way in Matthew 4 this week was that his posture towards disciples and therefore us is one *not* of obligation but of invitation. **How does that make you feel?**

The first invitation of Jesus in Matthew 4 is to “follow me”—to **Commune** with Him—or even more simply, **to be with him** on the road. The best way to think about this idea of *being with Jesus* is to think of a relationship with a dear friend or spouse or family member. You have intentional rhythms and habits of being with them over time that strengthen your relationship with them. **What are some of your intentional habits and rhythms of being with Jesus in your daily life? What are some small steps in a new direction you are feeling prompted to take to be with Him?**

Another invitation of Jesus in Matthew 4 is to become “fishers of people”—to **Contribute** to His Mission—**to do what he would do if he were you** throughout your life. *Jesus wants to build His Kingdom through your life!* **What are some of the ways that you are contributing to the Mission of Jesus in your life? What are some ways you are feeling prompted to begin doing so?**

The invitation that runs through each of these two things in Matthew 4—to Commune and Contribute—is that Jesus declares, “*I will make you ...into fishers of people.*” We are **changed by Him**, ultimately, in order **to become like Him**. **Read John 15:1-17. List out all of the ways below that Jesus uses the metaphor of the Vine and branches to describe, communing, contributing, and being changed.**

*What is the prayer of your heart this week as you wrap up your time with this Discussion Guide?*

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### [WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

**Matthew 4**

**Romans 5**

**Genesis 2**

**Matthew 28**