



TAKING IT INWARD-PART 1

How did these men respond when Jesus called them out?

What do you think it was that inspired this type of reaction? What would cause men to respond by dropping everything to immediately follow Jesus?

Were these men Jesus' only followers?

What steps did Jesus take in selecting the apostles?

TAKING IT INWARD-PART 2

How would you respond if Jesus walked into this room right now and said your name, followed by: "Come, follow me right now."

How would you respond if Jesus looked at you and said "I need you to leave behind your comfort—your home, your community, your possessions—to follow me"?

How would you respond if Jesus walked in and said "I need to make some changes in your life if you want to follow me."

DIGGING DEEPER

The "call" situation			
Common hesitation today			
Excuses today			

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Recap:

Look over your notes and the Scriptures you have explored in this session. As you reread Jesus' words, remember that He wasn't just speaking those words only to His followers but also to you. How does knowing that Jesus' words apply just as much to us today as they did to His first followers change your perspective on what you've learned?

Pray:

Spend some time talking to God about what you need regarding a relationship with Him. Where do you need God to strengthen you in order to follow Jesus like the way He described?

Listen:

Now just listen. What do you sense that God might be communicating to you during this time?

Journal:

Now write down your thoughts. What has this time focusing on Jesus meant to you? What ways has this lesson challenged you? How do you plan to follow Christ, now knowing better about the “call out” he has made on your life?

Share:

Is there anything that you need to discuss with your leaders? Is God calling you to make this commitment to follow Him serious by surrendering your life to Him for the first time? Maybe you’ve already made the step of surrendering to Christ, but you’ve found yourself distracted lately, do you need to take this opportunity to recommit yourself to following Christ?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE**Donut Ideas/Caption:**

SESSION 4 SCRIPTURE SHEET



The Choosing of the Twelve

Mark 1:16-20

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 2:13-14

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

Luke 6:12-16

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,

¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot,

¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Prospective Followers

Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”