

Becoming Disciples

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Mark 1:1-20

As you read the story of Jesus calling His first disciples, you might realize that the words “Come, follow me,” are more than dialogue between characters—they are living words that confront us with the authority of the living God. How do we follow Christ?

For further insight into this question, it is valuable to compare translations of Mark 1:17. The ESV renders it, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men” [emphasis mine]. This language reveals that the call to follow Jesus is not a summons to dutifully march behind Him as He works in the world. Instead, it is an invitation to be fundamentally changed so that we can participate in His work.

Thus, Jesus’ promise to make Simon and Andrew into witnesses is more than a figure of speech. He doesn’t choose people for what they are, but for what He will make them. He is forming us into new creations with every step of our journey with Him. Ultimately, the call to follow is only the beginning.

Are you ready to become a disciple?

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