



Warm up question:

- What are the What's the best team that you've ever been a part of? What made it such a great team?

Read Mark 1:14-20

1. What has happened to John? What do we know about why this happened? (see Matthew 14:1-5, Mark 6:14-20, Luke 3:18-20)
2. What was Jesus proclaiming?
3. What do each of the following sentences mean?
 - "The time has come"
 - "The kingdom of God has come near"
 - "Repent and believe the good news"
4. What are the similarities and differences between John's message and Jesus'?
5. Who does Jesus call as his first disciples? How does he call them?
6. What did Jesus find the disciples doing? What does Jesus call them to do? Why is this significant?
7. How do the disciples respond to Jesus' call?
8. It seems that these men belonged to good family businesses. Why do you think they were prepared to leave their family and their expensive boats and nets to follow Jesus?
9. Why do you think Jesus called these fishermen and not well-learned people in Jerusalem?
10. What does all of this tell you about Jesus and his ministry?
11. What does all of this tell you about our call to mission?
12. If Jesus didn't need helpers to accomplish his mission, but invited these disciples to join him anyway, what does this tell you about Jesus?

Rubber hits the road:

- How is Jesus calling you to 'fish for people' in your day-to-day life?
- What can you be asking the Holy Spirit for in prayer to help you in this important ministry and calling?

PRAYER

Jesus, we are humbled and honoured that you would not call us to follow you as your disciples. And we find it a great privilege that you would ask us to partner with you as you seek to fish for people and save the lost. Help us to follow you with sincerity and diligence. Please forgive us when we stumble and when we get proud. And fill us with your life-giving Spirit as you send us out into your kingdom to bring your people home. We ask all of this in your precious and mighty name Jesus, Amen.

