

## Growth groups discussion midweek 20 – 25 February 2023

1 Read **Matthew 4:18-20**

2 Who takes the initiative in our call? Discuss **John 15:16** thoroughly. No glossing over this verse!!

3\_ What was Pete doing at the time? What were **ALL** the implications of Jesus' call to follow Him for Peter and the other three there? Was the call irresistible or could Peter have turned the invitation down? Did he go away and think about it and consult his wife? Discuss this deeply and carefully. Look especially at **Verse 20!**

4 Compare **Matthew 4: 19 and John 15:16 and Ephesians 2:10 and Acts 1:8** What is the purpose of God calling us?

5 Read **Matthew 16: 13-16**. Why were people thinking Jesus was John the Baptist or Elijah? What was important about Peter's statement in verse 16? Is this your conviction too? What are the implications of Jesus being both the Christ (Messiah) and God's Son? Compare **Luke 2:25-38**, especially v **30-32**

6 If in **verse 17** it's only God who can reveal truth to people, what's our role? Does **verse 17** make a nonsense of our calling in **Matthew 4:19 and John 15:16**? Discuss this in the light of **Luke 24:13-16**, especially **verse 16** and **Matthew 13:13-15**. Don't shy away from these difficult verses otherwise we will never GROW!!

7. Why can **Matthew 16:18-19** be misinterpreted? What was Jesus saying in these verses?

8. What is Jesus' commission to you and to me in **Matthew 28:18-20**? In what way can we be fishers of people? Pray over this now in your groups.

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The passionate fisherman who became a fisher of men

# The call of God

“FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE  
YOU FISHERS OF MEN”

Matthew  
4:18-22

# The Conviction by God

BUT WHO DO you SAY I AM!

The Christ  
The Son  
Of The  
Living God

Verse 16

# The commission from God

GO  
&  
MAKE  
Disciples  
OF ALL  
NATIONS