<u>Growth groups discussion midweek 20 – 25 February 2023</u>

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 <u>ALL</u> 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 <u>Verse 20</u>!

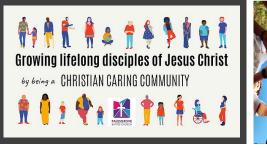
4 Compare Matthew 4: 19 and John 15:16 and Ephesians 2:10 and Acts 1:8 What is the purpose of God calling us?

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 call of God "Follow ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN" Matthew 4:18-22

The Conviction by God



The commission from God

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