

This 12 week series will journey through the gospel of Mark. Each week we will focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Use these guides in your small group or with your spouse or grab a friend and work through the questions together. There will be a **Mark Study Group** for anyone interested on Sunday nights Oct 14th-December 9th (\*excluding Nov 11) from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm in the church basement. We will have the coffee on so come and journey with us as we learn more about the **Adventure of Discipleship!**

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The message this week focused on Jesus' call on the disciples to follow him. Briefly share your story about when you decided to follow Jesus. What attracted you to Him?

### CALLING THE DISCIPLES: READ MARK 1:14-20

The first disciples left behind their nets, boats, jobs and even parents to follow Christ. What kinds of things do we leave behind to follow Christ? What do we gain?

Read Matthew 13:44-45. How do these two parables relate to the calling of Jesus' first disciples, and even us all these years later?

What keeps us from feeling the same urgency that these first disciples had?

### READ MARK 2:13-17

Matthew's chosen profession would have made him a social outcast, traitor to the nation of Israel, and bitterly despised. In other words, he seemed to be the very last person qualified to be a disciple of the Messiah. What encouragement does this give you? (See also 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

After committing to follow Christ, Matthew invites his friends to a party in his home so that they can meet Jesus. What can this teach us about being 'fishers of men'?

What do we learn about Jesus in this account of Matthew's calling?

What do we learn about the religious leaders?

### READ LUKE 18:9-14

How does this parable further develop the words of Jesus in Mark 2:17?

How can we cultivate the humility of the tax collector and guard ourselves against the arrogance of the Pharisee?

In light of this week's study, what step is God calling you to take in your adventure as His disciple?