

Thornbury Baptist Church  
Matthew Teaching Series  
Small Group Discussion Questions

**Talk Date:** October 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Talk title:** Come Follow Me

**Passage:** Matthew 4:18-22 (& Luke 5:1-11, John 1:35-42)

**Speaker:** Chris Scolah

**Discussion Questions**

It is not obvious from Matthew's account of this story that this not the first time Andrew & Simon Peter had encountered Jesus (John 1), highlighting the importance of reading the various Gospel accounts of the same incident. Luke gives more detail in his account.

- Jesus broke cultural convention by calling ordinary fisherman, who were possibly rejected as young boys by other Rabbis, to be his disciples. They went on to start the greatest movement the world has ever known – the church. What does the group believe were the keys to the disciples' success? What might this mean for our own lives?
- Andrew, Simon Peter, James & John sacrificed most of their comfort, security and known world to follow Jesus. What is more, it is written that they left it behind immediately. What challenge does each group member sense in their own heart upon reading this?
- I wonder what would have happened to these four disciples if they had chosen not to leave their nets behind. What kind of life would they have had sticking with what they knew. Take a moment to imagine what your life would be like not living in surrender to the King of kings. What holds you back? What one thing might you need to leave behind?
- Jesus used a peculiar phrase – Come, follow me and I will make you fish for people. If a fisherman didn't catch any fish, they wouldn't be described as a good fisherman. If Jesus disciples aren't discipling any new disciples, then what is the problem? How does the group feel about sharing their faith with others? How does the group feel about being a prophetic voice on their frontline in our current culture?
- *Bonus* – Jesus began His ministry by calling some fishermen to come and follow him. He ended His ministry by calling some fishermen to come and follow him once more (John 21), despite it seeming to have gone horribly wrong. What areas/disappointments in your life do feel are beyond redemption? Would you be willing for the group to pray with you about that?

**Takeaway**

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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