# THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 6, Episode 6

# How Jesus Called Teenagers to Change the World *Mark 1:16-20*

## **Opening Prayer**

"Father, thank You for calling ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Open our hearts and minds as we study Your Word today. Help us see how Jesus chose young men to be His disciples and how You still call us today to follow You wholeheartedly. In Jesus' name, Amen."

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What stands out to you most about the calling of the first disciples in Mark 1:16-20?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus chose fishermen and not religious scholars or wealthy leaders?
- 3. Pastor Robby suggests that the disciples were likely teenagers. How does this change the way you view their journey with Jesus?
- 4. What does it mean to "fish for people" in today's world? How can we apply that to our daily lives?

- 5. Why do you think the disciples immediately left everything to follow Jesus? What does this tell us about their faith?
- 6. Acts 4:13 describes Peter and John as "uneducated and untrained." What does this reveal about how God chooses people for His work?
- 7. The disciples were hard-working, blue-collar men. How do their backgrounds encourage you in your own faith journey?
- 8. What obstacles might have made it difficult for the disciples to follow Jesus, and how do we experience similar challenges today?
- 9. If you had been in the disciples' position, do you think you would have left everything to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
- 10. What are some modern examples of people who have left everything to follow Jesus? What can we learn from their stories?

#### **Application Questions**

- 1. What has Jesus called you to leave behind in order to follow Him more fully?
- 2. How can you be more intentional about "fishing for people" in your workplace, school, or community?
- 3. What are some small steps you can take this week to grow in obedience to Jesus' calling?
- 4. Jesus met the disciples where they were—how has He met you in your own life?
- 5. How can we encourage and equip young people in our church to follow Jesus boldly?
- 6. What distractions keep you from fully following Jesus? How can you surrender them to Him?
- 7. If Jesus were walking by your workplace or school today and said, "Follow Me," how would you respond?
- 8. How does knowing that Jesus chooses ordinary people give you confidence in your faith?
- 9. What is one practical way you can support and disciple the next generation in their faith?

10. How can your small group work together to become more effective fishers of people?

## **Prayer Prompt**

"Lord, thank You for choosing ordinary people like the disciples—and like us—to do Your work. Help us to follow You with the same boldness and obedience they showed. Give us a heart for the lost and the courage to share Your love with those around us. Strengthen us to leave behind whatever holds us back from fully following You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

# **Additional Resources for Deeper Study**

- Scripture References:
  - Luke 5:1-11 a parallel passage of the disciples' calling
  - Matthew 4:18-22 another account of the same event
  - Acts 4:13 Peter and John's boldness despite being "uneducated and untrained"
  - Matthew 17:24-27 the temple tax and its implications for the disciples' age

#### Books & Podcasts:

- The Forgotten Jesus by Robby Gallaty
- o The Disciple's Journey by Robby Gallaty
- BEMA Discipleship Podcast episodes on first-century Jewish culture
- That the World May Know by Ray Vander Laan (video series on first-century Jewish life)

# • Long Hollow Church Resources:

- Making Disciples with Robby Gallaty Podcast
- Long Hollow YouTube Channel (<u>YouTube.com/@LongHollow</u>)