

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 6, Episode 7

Jesus's Method for Making Disciples

Mark 1:16-20

Opening Prayer

"Lord, thank You for calling us to follow You just as You called the first disciples. Help us to see how You are forming us daily and shaping us to impact others for Your kingdom. Give us wisdom and courage to live out our faith as true disciples. Amen."

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about Jesus' approach to calling His disciples in Mark 1:16-20?
2. Why was it significant that Jesus chose young men, likely teenagers, as His first disciples?
3. How does the imagery of "fishing for people" connect with Old Testament prophecy (Ezekiel 47:9-12)?
4. Jesus broke the normal rabbinical tradition by seeking out His disciples rather than waiting for them to come to Him. What does this teach us about Jesus' mission?
5. What does it mean that a disciple is "formed" by Jesus rather than simply "educated" about Him?
6. How do we see the process of spiritual formation and sanctification in the phrase "I will make you fishers of men"?

7. How does the disciples' immediate response to Jesus' call challenge the way we respond to God's calling today?
 8. What does it mean that discipleship is not just about personal growth but also about focusing on others?
 9. The disciples were casting and mending their nets when Jesus called them. How do these actions symbolize evangelism and discipleship?
 10. How can we recognize God's providence in our daily routines and circumstances, just as Jesus intentionally called the disciples while they were fishing?
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Application Questions

1. How has Jesus personally called you to follow Him in your life?
 2. What are some ways you can be more intentional about following Jesus daily?
 3. Are you currently being spiritually "formed" by Jesus, or are you more focused on gathering information about Him? How can you shift your focus?
 4. Who in your life can you begin discipling or investing in spiritually?
 5. What are some practical ways you can be a "fisher of men" in your workplace, school, or community?
 6. How do you balance both evangelism (casting the net) and discipleship (mending the net) in your life?
 7. Have you ever felt unqualified to be a disciple of Jesus? How does this passage encourage you?
 8. What daily habits can help you align your life with spiritual growth and discipleship?
 9. If Jesus is calling you to take a step of faith right now, what would that be? How can your small group support you in this?
 10. How can you be more intentional in seeing discipleship as a long-term journey rather than a one-time decision?
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Prayer Prompt

"Lord, thank You for calling us to follow You. We surrender our lives to Your process of making us fishers of men. Give us courage to step out in faith, patience to be formed by You, and passion to reach others. Help us to cast our nets widely in evangelism and to mend them in discipleship. May our lives be a testimony of Your transforming power. Amen."

Additional Resources for Deeper Study

- **Mark 1:16-20** – study how Jesus called His first disciples

- **Ezekiel 47:9-12** – explore the imagery of fishing and its connection to reaching the nations
 - **Matthew 28:19-20** – The Great Commission and Jesus' final instructions on discipleship
 - **Luke 5:1-11** – another account of Jesus calling the disciples through a miraculous catch of fish
 - *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty – helps explore the Jewish context of discipleship
 - *The BEMA Discipleship Podcast* – discusses historical context and discipleship principles
 - *Replicate Ministries Resources* – tools for disciple-making strategies
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