

Kingdom Community...The Story of Jesus Christ
“The First Disciples are Called” - Matthew 4:18-22
Sunday, November 17, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

A. A Particular Calling

1. Particular place
 - a) Galilee

 - b) Jew & Gentile calling

 - c) Called men out to serve in the city they lived...
at least at first

2. Particular men
 - a) Peter & Andrew

 - b) James & John

3. Particular time
 - a) It was time to go

 - b) Out of the course of regular life

4. Particular purpose
 - a) Fishers of men

 - b) Christ makes them a promise

 - c) Christ would be their provision

 - d) Christ's purpose

B. A Passionate Calling

1. Leave everything
 - a) Peter & Andrew left their livelihood

 - b) James & John left their livelihood and father

 - c) 4th verse of that great Martin Luther hymn “A
Mighty Fortress is our God”

*That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.*

2. Leave everything immediately

a) In the immediacy we see the urgency

b) Timing & Trust

c) **2 Peter 3:8-10**

3. Leave everything immediately to gain everything later

a) This is faith

b) The King of the kingdom is the focus of the kingdom

b) Same strategy

(1) As you're going (walking by the sea)

(2) Loving interruption

(3) You're an ambassador of this King if you are His own — **2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 20-21**

C. Application

1. Have you been called to follow Christ?

a) Hear His call (**v.17**)

b) Obey His call

2. Are you a fisher of men?

a) Same message

(1) Mack Stiles, "*Quickest route to heresy is relevant and contextualized missions.*"

(2) Go for a walk...See...Open your mouth...
Keep walking