

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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When Jesus called His first disciples, He was not calling people who were “qualified” or “experienced,” to be His followers, but He would make them those things by later dying and rising for them, just as He has done for us; we too are qualified to live for our Savior because we have ourselves experienced the faith, He gives us. We are to be his disciples and follow Him. . . but differently. Jesus told them He would send them out to “fish.” What different word(s) might He use to describe what we are called to do, as we follow Him?

1. What are we Christians doing “differently” than we were a year ago? A decade ago? Compared to the early church? How does the realization of the differences make you feel? What awareness does it bring to your mind?
2. Read Mk. 1:14-20. Then, using what you find in John 3:22-30, describe what is happening in the ministry of John the Baptist, as it coincides with the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. Before doing so, find on YouTube Dylan’s “The Times They Are A’changing” and use it as background music while you think.
3. Read Mk. 1:16-17 and describe where you were when Jesus called you. . .were you an adult? Did someone bring you as a little one to the water of baptism? Read 1 Cor. 26-30 and describe how different you are now than you were when he first called you.
4. Mk. 1:17 describes Jesus using the word “fish” to describe what the disciples would be doing. What word might he use in your case, to describe what you are called to do (which has not changed) but which might be a different word than “fish?”
5. Both verses 18 and 20 use words which describe the speed with which the disciples responded. How about you. . . and us? What are we waiting for? Why would we wait? What is the urgency to which Jesus calls us, his disciples?