

Mark's Wild Gospel

Week 2 – A Wild Calling

1. Has there been a time in your life when it has been important to let go and leave certain things behind to enable you to move forward to something different?
2. **Read Mark 1:16-20.** What does the text tell us about why Jesus chose these 4 particular men?
3. In verse 17, Jesus gives Simon and Andrew an invitation (“Follow me”) and a promise (“I will make you fishers of men”). What was Jesus actually promising they would do? Try to explain it as if you were explaining it to someone who had never heard this passage before.
4. Looking through Mark 1:16-20 (and you might also see the other accounts in Matthew 4:18-22, Luke 5:1-11, and John 1:33-42) and find all the clues you can about these four men whom Jesus called. What sort of men do you suppose they were? What might they have looked like? How were their family relationships? How was their work-life?
5. How might it have felt for Peter and Andrew and for James and John to leave their nets, their profession, and follow Jesus? Do you think they might have had second thoughts? Why or why not?
6. If you are following Jesus, how did you first hear his call? How does the call to follow Jesus make a difference in your daily life? In your work? In your relationships? In your church and civic involvement? What practices have you found helpful to line your life up behind Jesus?
7. What is your net? What do you need to leave behind to experience more of the lifechanging leadership/transforming love of Jesus in your life? What would it look like for you to leave your net behind this week?
8. Are there any areas in which Jesus’ call to follow Him conflicts with another command, call, or authority in your life? How can you solve this conflict?
9. Have you ever been disciplined by someone? How did that impact your life? Are you currently discipling anyone? If not, how might Jesus be calling you to “fish for people”? What may stop you from discipling others?