

Unexpected Call

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MATTHEW 4:18-22

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



The Christmas season has been about the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He brought peace into a wicked world. He was born a baby in a manger to a young couple who could not have possibly understood all of who He is and what He would do. As Christ began His ministry He reached out to 4 fishermen that were working along the Sea of Galilee. He calls to them and tells them to follow Him. This radically changes their lives as they leave everything to follow in the footsteps of the Son of God. Jesus promised to teach them the art of finding men to bring to God as opposed to finding fish. This morning we will consider what lessons we can learn from the willingness of the early disciples and the expectation that Jesus has for us as His disciples today.



① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Matthew 4:18-22 (NET)

¹⁸ As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea (for they were fishermen).

¹⁹ He said to them, "Follow me, and I will turn you into fishers of people."

²⁰ They left their nets immediately and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. Then he called them.

²² They immediately left the boat and their father and followed him.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. Why would the fishermen have been so willing to follow Jesus?

2. What does it mean to be a fisher of men?

3. What does Jesus want from them, what are His expectations when He says, "Follow Me?"

③ **EMBRACE His Word**

Why does this **MATTER** to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES