

## Do You Have A Calling?

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Mark 1:16-20 & 2:13-14

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

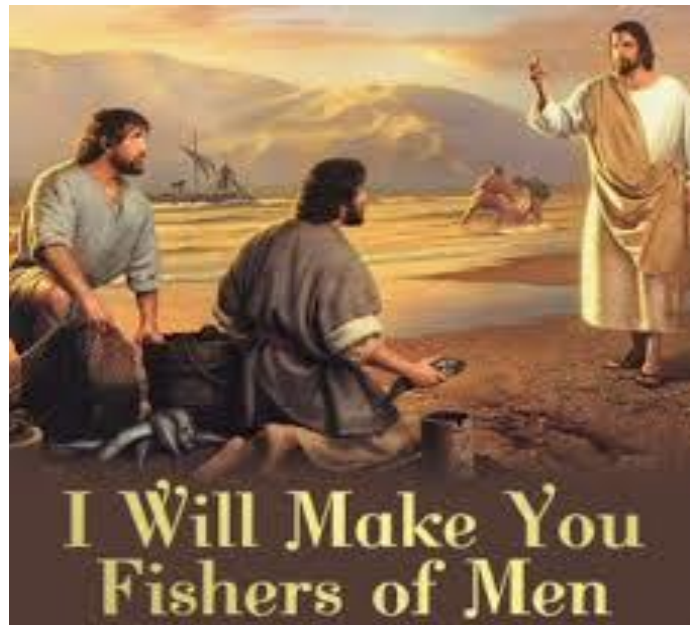
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

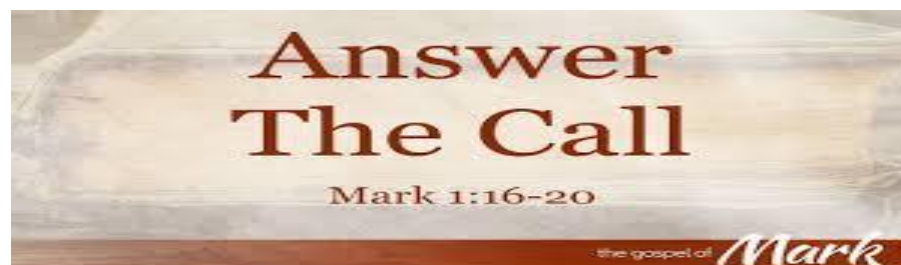
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### 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.



Before the Lord Jesus ascended into Heaven, He appointed every believer to fulfill the “Great Commission” “<sup>18</sup>All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20). For many practicing Christians, this calling is often referred to as the “Great Omission.” Jesus expects all believers to be in His employ... never intending that they should be idle or live for themselves. To fulfill this calling, Jesus directs, supports and empowers us to accomplish His tasks, holding us accountable for our time and talents. So, the question each of us must ask is: *Have we answered the call?*”





## ① EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

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

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is repeated to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are like or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

## 🔍 **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. *Matthew 4:18-22* and *Mark 1:16-20* are parallel passages. What similarities and differences do you note?
  
9. In *Mark 1:16-20* and *Mark 2:13-14*, What different factors contributed to the ready response of Simon, Andrew, James, John and Levi to Jesus' invitation?
  
10. In *Mark 1:16-20*, how hard would it be for the fishermen, (Simon, Andrew, James and John), to leave their livelihood to follow Jesus?
  
11. What does *Mark 1:20* imply as to the wealth or poverty of Zebedee?
  
12. In *Mark 2:13-14*, how hard would it be for Levi, to abandoned his livelihood to follow Jesus?
  
13. How does Jesus' command "*Follow Me*" summarize the essence of discipleship?
  
14. What did Jesus mean by "*Fishers of Men*"?

### ③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

15. What are possible reasons why some Christians refuse to answer God's call to serve?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Have you ever felt like you weren't qualified to serve the Lord? For what reasons?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. Do you find the world's allurements, demands and responsibilities more enticing than God's call for your life to serve Him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. Jesus' words were Good News because they fulfilled the promise of freedom, hope, peace of mind, and eternal life with God. Do you believe Jesus can handle your problems as well? Can you cite a verse?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to D

