

Gospel Hotspots

Week Three: The Call

Flashback (10 min)

- What did you experience with God this week?
- In the last few days, did you have the opportunity to share an experience with God and with someone close to you who doesn't know Jesus yet? What did you do? (talk about your faith, pray for them, help them practically)
- Is there an area of your life where you need God's help?
- Pray together: give thanks for your experiences, ask God for help where you need it.

Bible Study (15-20 min)

Matthew 4:18-22; 1 Kings 19:19-21

- Pray together: that you would discover new aspects of God today and that your relationship with him would be strengthened and deepened.
- On your own: read the passage silently.
 - What words or phrases stick out?
- One person reads the passage out loud.
- Everyone by themselves:
 - What words or phrases stick out now? Are there any differences to what you noticed before?
 - Why do you feel drawn to those words or phrases?
 - What could God be telling you?
- Share in the group.

Specific Questions & Action Steps (20 min)

- What similarities about calling do you see in these two stories?
- What does it mean to be a disciple? Read also Matthew 10:24-25a.
- Share in groups of 2-3 how Jesus called you to be his disciple and how you decided to follow him.
- What is the aim of following Jesus here on earth? Are you ready to commit to that?
- Silent prayer: Ask Jesus if there is something that keeps you from fully trusting and following him (e.g. a habit, a false commitment, an attitude, a relationship, a certain way of thinking). Share it with someone in the group and give him/her permission to hold you accountable.
- Pray in groups of 2-3. Express your devotion to Jesus that you trust him fully. Proclaim that he is your number one priority and that you want to do what he tells you.
- Write down the names of 5 people you want to pray for regularly (your VIPs), so they give their life to Christ and start following him. What are some ways you can remember to pray for them regularly (e.g. write their names on post-it notes and

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put them on your bathroom mirror, set a reminder on your smartphone, etc.)?
Pray in groups of 2-3 for your VIPs.

Scripture Comments

Following Jesus requires us to cut all ties to things that keep us from doing that. To start a relationship with him means to be with him constantly and to let him form you; to learn from him, and to learn how to move in dimensions of his kingdom. Our “training” as his disciples also has a clear purpose. We should become fishers of men and are called to connect people to Jesus and make them his disciples as well (Matthew 28:19-20).