

FOLLOW ME | September 13, 2026

Matthew 4:18–20

SOUTHRIDGE DISCUSSION & PRACTICE GUIDE

01 READ

Jesus' most repeated invitation wasn't "believe the right things" — it was "Come, follow me." In his day, that phrase meant becoming an apprentice: someone who reorders their whole life around being with their teacher, becoming like their teacher, and eventually doing what their teacher did. Peter and Andrew were ordinary fishermen who hadn't made the cut for that kind of apprenticeship — and Jesus invited them anyway. (Watch [message recap](#).)

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers... 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

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02 REFLECT

- Jesus' invitation was simple: "Come, follow me." What's an invitation — big or small — that changed the direction of your life?
- Peter and Andrew weren't the "best of the best" — they were ordinary and even overlooked. Does it surprise you that Jesus chose them? Why or why not? How do you relate to this?
- Following Jesus means three things: being with him, becoming like him, and doing what he did. Which of those three feels easiest for you right now? Which feels hardest?
- Jesus said "*whoever* wants to be my disciple" — not just the best of the best. How does this invitation strike you? Who else in your life might benefit from hearing that this invitation includes them, too?

03 RESPOND

- Be with Jesus: Spend 10 quiet minutes with Jesus each day this week. No phone, no agenda — just be with him. Be still, pray, read scripture, go for a walk, etc.
- Do what Jesus did: Look for one person this week who could use love and kindness, and do something practical for them.

Come back ready to share what you noticed — about yourself and about Jesus.