

It Started with Twelve #1
The Starting Point of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Outline

1. Jesus Gets Someone's Full Attention (v. 1-3)
2. Jesus Shows Him His Inadequacies (v. 4-7)
3. Jesus Invites Him to the Starting Point of Discipleship
 - Step 1: Recognizing a Need in Yourself (v. 8)
 - Step 2: Realizing the Solution is in Jesus Christ (v. 9-10)
 - Step 3: Wanting to Live a Radically New Life (v. 11)

Discussion Questions

1. Someone has said that the only thing constant in this world is CHANGE, and yet most people don't want to change. Are you one of those people? There are things in our lives that need changing. If you could, what is it that you want changed in your life?
2. Transformation through discipleship is a process or a journey for the followers of Jesus Christ equipped with the Holy Spirit. As we journey with the Lord Jesus, we become more and more like Him, a process that is completed when we see Him in eternity. Where do you place yourself in this journey? Are you in a stagnant situation or are you moving forward?
3. Jesus' call for his first disciples involved ordinary men. Read Luke 5:1-11 and discuss the following questions:
 - a. From what you've read and heard, was this Peter's first encounter with Jesus?
 - b. People were crowding around Jesus until He was pushed to the edge of the shore. What did he use as his "podium" (v.3).
 - c. Jesus ended up standing on Peter's boat. Was it accidental or intentional?
 - d. What did Jesus say to Peter after he had finished speaking in verse 4? And what was Peter's response?
4. Describe what happened in verses 6-7 after Peter obeyed Jesus. How did Peter react when he realized that Jesus had just performed a miracle for him and his fellow fishermen? How do you think you would react if you were Peter?
5. The first step for coming to the starting point of discipleship is recognizing our problems, needs, or inadequacies. Peter was stunned by the miracle Jesus

performed. This "expert" fisherman had just been taught how to fish by a carpenter. What do you think was Peter's thought process from the time he saw the miracle to the moment he recognized his own inadequacies? When do you realize your inadequacy, or are you always self-sufficient? Acknowledging our problems and needs is the start of change in us. Why do you think so?

6. Step two of coming to the starting point of discipleship is recognizing that the solution is in Jesus Christ. Do you acknowledge in your own life that Christ is the solution to your problems? Think about some of your problems and explain how Christ is the solution.
7. Step three of coming to the starting point of discipleship is wanting to live a radically new life. A radical change in Peter's life happened when Jesus told him and his companions (his brother Andrew, and the brothers James and John) that "from now on you will catch men." What did Jesus mean by this statement? How does verse 11 described how their lives were changed radically? What apprehensions and anxieties do you have when you are challenged to live a new life?
8. Jesus gave Peter and the others a choice between a better life by helping them in their work as fishermen, or a new life by asking them to follow Him as fishers of men. If you are given this choice, would you choose to live a better life or a new life? These men choose the new life and left behind everything and followed Him. In your situation, what do you have to put aside to follow Christ today for a new life?

Walk

Can you identify places in your life where God is calling for long-term obedience from you?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Praise God for who He is, what He has done and what He will continue to do in your life.
- Share your personal concerns and take turns to pray for one another.
- Pray for wisdom and good health for pastors and leaders of our church.
- Pray for the ongoing preparations for our 45th anniversary play & musical.
- Pray for wisdom, protection and provision for Diana, John and Sandesh as they continue to obey God's call to serve in India and East Asia.
- Pray for salvation, joy and grace in sickness, financial provision, comfort for loved ones, and relief from pain for cancer patients: SL (successful iodine and radiation treatment), Susie Yu, Segundo Yu, Cecille, Mr. Go, Cris Aviso, Benito Tan, Isabel.
- Pray for healing, full recovery, salvation and financial provision of EB (chemotherapy and bone marrow procedure), Dustin (GBS), Ernesto Go (aneurysm-coma, successful brain surgery), Margarita Ong (coma), and grandmother of Mrs. Macalalad.