

Who Do You Say He Is? Mark 1:16–20

"Who do you say that I am?" This is the question that Jesus asked his disciple, Peter? And this is the question people asked throughout Jesus' earthly life. From his teachings to his healings and to the miracles he performed, people wrestled with the identity of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark was written to answer just this question—Who do you say Jesus is? And this question is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago when Jesus asked it of Peter? In our journey through the Gospel of Mark we will study the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus and ask ourselves, "Who do you say he is?"

The kingdom of God comes through the authoritative call of Jesus' on ordinary people.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

**16** Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **17** And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19** And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. **20** And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- As we reflect on Jesus calling his disciples, reflect on when Jesus called you. What was it like when Jesus called you to follow him?
- How does Jesus call Peter, Andrew, James, and John? What do you notice that stands out to you?
- Why is it important that Jesus' calling to follow him is an act of grace?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus' calling is an act of grace?
- To follow Jesus does cost us something. What did it cost Peter, Andrew, James, and John. In Mark 8:34–35, what does Jesus say it will cost us?
- Despite the cost of following Jesus, why is it still worth it? Look back at Mark 8:34–35.
- Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John to become "fishers of men." What did Jesus mean by this, and how is it connected to the description of Jesus' mission in Mark 1:15?
- How can we make discipleship to Jesus more about mission and not just about knowledge?
- How do these four soon-to-be disciples respond to Jesus? What does their response tell us about Jesus?
- How do you respond to Jesus when he calls? Because Jesus is the Christ, Son of God, how should you respond every time when Jesus calls?
- How can we grow in our obedience to Jesus' call in our life? What practical steps can you take to better hear his voice and obey him?