



When God Calls You Out
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The Calling Out of the Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Truth: God calls us to follow and trust.

Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners?'"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Truth: God calls us out of our past and into a transformed future.

The Mission of CTK

To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance, and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.

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Matthew 10:1-4

¹He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Truth: God uses ordinary but transformed people to transform their world.

Jesus, to His followers: Come, follow me

Paul, to the Followers of Jesus: Follow my example, as

I follow the example of Christ. – *1 Corinthians 11:1*

Truth: Every person who has truly encountered Jesus has been radically transformed.

God is calling us out: And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. – *Luke 14:27*

On Your Way Home

Jesus called his disciples to walk with him. How are you planning on walking with Jesus this week?

Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) Have you ever had a “calling out” moment like Grant and Brian? How did God get your attention? What did he call you to?
- 2) Has anyone ever called you out to a greater level of commitment? What happened and how did you respond?
- 3) In your opinion, what are the marks of a true disciple of Jesus?
- 4) What was it about Jesus that compelled the disciples to immediately leave their lives behind and follow him? How does their response affect you?
- 5) Read Luke 14:27 again. How are you carrying your cross this week?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?