

Getting into Our LivesGroup time - 20 minutes

1. How did Jesus bring light into your dark world? How did you respond to Jesus' light?
2. Jesus is still calling people to Himself today. What do you think the church's role is in that mission? What is your role?
3. One way to talk about the Christian life is to talk about "following Jesus". What do you think that looks like? In what ways are you following Him? What should we expect as the result of that following?

Getting Out the GospelGroup time - 5 minutes

How often do you think of our world as a place of darkness and how could this thought impact your sense of urgency to share the gospel?

How are the people you're praying for blind, sick, hurting or oppressed?

Take time to mourn for their lost-ness and to pray for their healing.

Getting into PrayerGroup time - 10 minutes

Reach: "Heavenly Father, pull back the darkness and bring the light of your Son to our friends and family members."

Growth: "Help us to follow Christ with joy and obedience to His Word, trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work in us to make us more and more like Christ."

Empower: "Stir up your church to embrace the costs of following and the joyful mission of sharing your love and truth with others."

The First 100 Days Matthew 4:12-25

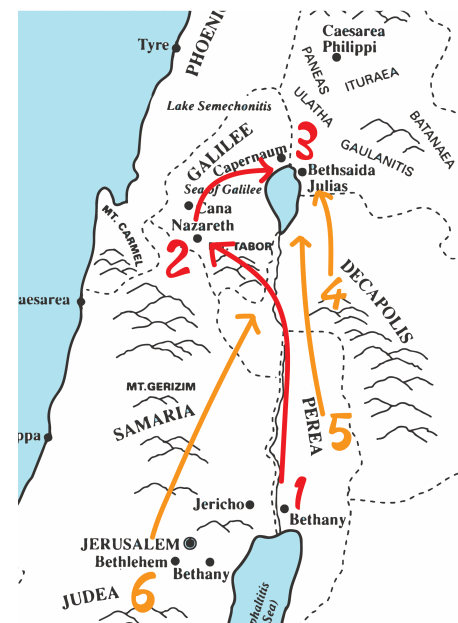
I. The First Call

Matthew 4:12-17

II. The First Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22

III. The First Teaching Matthew 4:23-25



I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of October 1, 2017

Getting StartedGroup time - 15 minutes

1. Take a few minutes to share with each other what God has been doing in your life through His Word, church, prayer, last week's lesson or other people.
2. Would you rather go two months without sunlight or go one week without any light at all?
3. Over the years news reports and books have been written about the 1,000 to 1,500 people that live in the flood tunnels under Las Vegas, who only come out at night. Why do you think people find this fascinating?

Getting into God's WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read Matthew 4:12-17

1. Where did Jesus go? What reason(s) does the text give for this move?
2. In verses 15-16, Matthew quotes Isaiah 9:1-2. What does this fulfilled scripture tell us about King Jesus? What does it tell us about our world?
See also: Isaiah 9:1-7

3. What is the main content of Jesus' message? Where else have we heard this before? Why do you think it's so similar?

Read Matthew 4:18-22

3. What strikes you about how Simon, Andrew, James and John respond to Jesus?
4. What important truths about discipleship are found in these few verses?

PERSONAL

What did you have to leave behind in order to follow Jesus?

Read Matthew 4:23-25

5. Matthew uses this section to summarize the public ministry of Jesus; write down your best summary using only three words.
6. Why do you think Matthew gives such an extensive list of types of healings? What does it tell us about the kind of King Jesus is?