

**The Call** Series: The Gospel of Mark

## A. Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5

- 1) From fishermen to fishers of men, Peter and the other new disciples  
\_\_\_\_\_ everything and opened themselves to Jesus' call

## B. Mark 10 – another calling

- 1) this is exactly the type of person you would expect to become one of Jesus' disciples
- 2) Q: Is this really all there is to it, or should I be doing something \_\_\_\_\_ for God?
  - a) The truth is, your life is *not* in order; you are putting on a facade; "Go and sell everything you have," Jesus said "And *then* come follow me."
  - b) The man walked away, because he loved his material possessions and his \_\_\_\_\_ zone *more* than he loved God

C. Leaving a legacy? Today, we don't even know that man's name, even though he lived the rest of his life with great material \_\_\_\_\_; yet, the disciples were as poor as they could be, yet their lives changes the world. What does it takes to leave a true and lasting legacy? (only *spiritual* legacies last)

- 1) as Jesus said, "What good does it do you to gain the entire world, if you lose your \_\_\_\_\_?"

## D. Mark 10:31, "I tell you the truth no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or spouse or friends for me and the gospel will fail to receive 100 times as much in the present age and in the age to come. But many who are first will be last, and the last, shall be first."

E. *Open Hearts, Open Minds*- you must take your \_\_\_\_\_ off of the surface ripples; and in their place, you must not only gaze, but actually participate in, dive into the current; the deeper, driving current, that is carrying everything toward its unyielding destination (God, God's Kingdom)

## F. The miracle was in Peter's ability to see deeply into what Jesus was asking of him, and then his \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in and dive deeply into the current, rather than remain in shallow waters and never really be a part of God's greater plan

G. The Call - "lay down your nets and follow Me; Leave it all behind, and join in the deeper currents that are pulling us all towards the things of true significance-  
The Kingdom of God and our participation with God in everyday life

## H. 2 Paths to choose from

1. Broad and Wide path - The rich young man
2. The Straight and Narrow – The disciples

Q: Which path have you already chosen?

A1. surrendered 2. else b. comfort C. wealth 1. soul E. focus F. response