

# The Calling of a Disciple

1. Called to relationship
  - A. Jesus' call was to follow Him
    - 1) The disciples were to spend time with Jesus – John 1:35-39 (1028)
    - 2) Jesus' first act after calling Matthew was to eat with Matthew and his friends – Matthew 9:9-10 (941)
  - B. Jesus' desire was that be being with Him, they would become like Him – Luke 6:40 (999)
  - C. Discipleship in the early church was all about living in community – Acts 2:42-47 (1057)
    - 1) The purpose of this community of relationships is that we will refine each other – Hebrews 10:24-25 (1168)
2. Called to significance
  - A. Jesus' call was to be fishers of men – Luke 5:1-11 (997)
    - 1) This required replacing earthly pursuit with eternal, kingdom pursuits
  - B. The disciples sometimes mistook power and position for significance – Luke 9:46-48 (1005)
    - 1) The disciples even fell into arguing about position at the Last Supper – Luke 22:24-30 (1022)
      - a. Jesus' model was one of serving – vs. 25-27
      - b. Serving would be ultimately rewarded – vs. 28-30
  - C. The Disciples came to recognize the significance of their calling – John 6:66-69 (1035)
    - 1) To be with Jesus was more important than anything else
3. Called to sacrificial commitment
  - A. Jesus explains the cost of discipleship – Luke 9:57-62 (1005)
    - 1) Sacrifice of personal comforts – vs. 57-58
    - 2) Sacrifice of personal security – vs. 59-60
    - 3) Sacrifice of personal relationships – vs. 61-62
  - B. We are called to take up our cross as we follow Him – Matthew 16:24-26 (951)
  - C. Parable of the Banquet – Luke 14:15-35 (1012)
    - 1) We must eliminate competing priorities
    - 2) We must count the cost of discipleship
  - D. Jesus' last challenge to His disciples was to go and make disciples – Matthew 28:18-20 (967)
    - 1) You and I are that next generation of disciples