



Responding to the invitation to *Come and See....* - *How we live*

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Jesus calls the Disciples - Mt 4:18-22

As we walked by the sea of Galilee Jesus saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people". Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Jesus called James and his brother John in the same way. They too immediately left their nets and followed him.

Reflection Time: to do alone, then share with another person

- What compelled Peter to walk away from his livelihood?
- Recall an occasion when I changed direction i.e. being guided by a teacher or friend?
- Consider the ways in which God speaks to me in the ordinary events of my daily life, including social, study or work?

Opening prayer:

Peters declaration and Jesus affirmation - Mtt 16:13-19

In response to Jesus' question 'who do you say that I am?' Peter said, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus answered, 'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Opening prayer continued:

God our Father, help all of us gathered here to recognise the gift of faith you have given to us. May Jesus be the model we follow, and your Holy Spirit give us the courage to share our faith with others and help us overcome any obstacles that try to detract us on journey of faith.

Responding to the invitation live as Jesus taught us:

- *treat people with love and respect,*
- *help others who need help,*
- *forgive people when they do something wrong,*
- *pray for others we know, and needs of the world*

Closing prayer:

Christ became man to make us children of God and interceded for us before God our Father. We thank him for his loving mercy.

Intercession Response: *Open us to the treasures of your love.*

In baptism you enlighten us, we offer this day to you. **R**

May we praise you and let your word accompany us . **R**

Teach us to respond to your word in obedient trust as did Mary, your mother. **R**

When things go wrong, strengthen us in faith and give us the courage to go on, secure that your love will support us. **R**

We offer these prayers to God, who is father of all as we pray:

Our Father....

Final Prayer: God our Father, we thank you for those who in response to your call serve the community through ministry in our parishes. Give us the courage of the disciples so that we too will follow in the footsteps of Jesus when he calls. Amen