

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion guide based on the December 27, 2009 message,
“*Your Best Year Yet*” – Mark 1:14-20

Big Idea: Understand what true discipleship entails.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- *What are some resolutions you have made in years past? Have you kept them?
- *What are possible spiritual resolutions (goals) you could make for 2010?
- *Whatever spiritual resolutions we make should aid us in looking more like a true disciple of Jesus Christ.
- *What is a disciple?
- **Understand The Calling to Discipleship (1:16-17).*
- *Do you remember a time that you received a call that forever altered your life?
- *Four of the disciples received this type of call while working (fishing).
- *Describe the discipleship process that Jewish boys/men would have to go through.
- *Why would these fishermen immediately drop their nets? Jesus in effect saying to them, “You can be like me, do what I do.”
- *If these four men were fishing (gone back to learn their father’s trade), what does that signify about them? They were not the best of the best. But a rabbi only chooses those he thinks can be like him.
- *Do you ever struggle with feeling inadequate to server the Lord? How does it make you feel to know you were chosen by God and that even when you do not have faith in yourself, he has faith in you?
- *Discuss this statement, “Those he elects he also equips.”
- **Understand The Cost of Discipleship (1:18-20).*
- *How did following Jesus as a disciple cost these fishermen?
- *How would following Jesus as a true disciple cost you this year? (priorities)
- *Do you see a trend in our culture for quick fixes, easy cures, get rich quick schemes, and other shortcuts for success? How has this spilled over into the way in which we approach our spirituality?

Conclusion: What will you be proactive about doing to make discipleship the fundamental priority in your life in 2010?