

## Devotion #6

### Call of the First Disciples

#### **GATHER THE PLAYERS AND HAVE THEM SETTLE**

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE**

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." - Matthew 4:18-22

#### **USE QUESTIONS BELOW TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE**

1. Did Jesus give any details about what following him would entail?

-no, he just said to follow him

2. In each case, how long did the fishermen consider the invitation?

-no time at all. They immediately left what they were doing and left their families and followed Jesus.

3. Does that seem really radical? Can you imagine somebody walking up to your daddy (dad) while he was at work and him dropping everything to follow?

4. What does this tell you about what kind of an impression must have been made by Jesus on these guys?

-it must have been very profound, instant, intense, shocking

5. Have you met Jesus?

-yes, they have in their Baptism, every time they go to church (especially in the Eucharist), in the Bible. We can also meet Jesus in other people.

6. Did you notice that Jesus always called the disciples in pairs? Why do you think that might be?

-it is good to have a team mate to depend on too! Sometimes you can run faster or farther because you have someone with you to push you or challenge you

7. Who are the people in your life who can be your teammate in discipleship? Who helps you to be the best person you can be?

#### **PRAY IN THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS, OR INVITE A PLAYER TO LEAD PRAYER**

Jesus, help me to put you first in my life. Help me to drop anything in my life that would keep me from following you with my whole heart, mind and soul. Send your Holy Spirit to change my heart. Amen.