

01-22-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“If we choose to follow Jesus each of us will be challenged to completely change direction and to ‘leave our nets behind’. That will mean something different for each one of us...
Jesus never *stops* calling us to follow him.”

- *Geoffrey Tristram*



Matthew 4:12-23

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean for you to allow Jesus to be the light that illuminates your daily living? In what ways is that presently happening? In what ways might you be resistant to living in that light? On what aspects of your life is your commitment to follow Jesus shedding new light? How can you share the light and love of Christ with those around you—in your household, your workplace or school, your neighborhood? How can we as a congregation share the light and love of Christ with one another, with the surrounding community, with the world?

- How do you react to the notion that Jesus never stops calling us? What spiritual practices keep you alert to the call of Jesus in and for your life? What are the challenges in listening for that call? What are the competing voices and distractions? How do you discern the voice of God? How can we as a congregation remain attentive to the ongoing call of Jesus for us?

- How has being a follower of Jesus changed you? What have you had to leave behind in order to follow Christ? Is there something else which you might need to give up in order to more closely follow Jesus' call for you now? What do you need in order to do so? What “old ways” might we as a congregation need to forsake in order to live into Jesus' present call for us? What do you think will help us to make such changes?

Daily Household Prayer

Loving God, through Jesus you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the good news of new life to a broken world; through Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.