

THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What are your expectations of a follower?

READ: Mark 1:16-20

FOCUS: What you need most in life is to know God.

OBSERVE:

- Discipleship is the mission to which Jesus Christ has called us. It is not just a moment of decision. It is a journey tied *to* and *by* a commitment to follow Jesus on a Discipleship Path
- When Jesus invited the first four disciples to come and follow Him, His purpose was to make them fishers of men. The call to follow Jesus was to be with Him, listen to Him and do what He said and did. This requires courage to unfollow whatever and whoever you may have followed before.
- Disciples are called to *know God*, *grow together* with other believers, *discover purpose* of why we are called and to *make a difference*. Jesus calls and chooses ordinary people and empowers them to impact the world.
- What we need most in life is to know God, not simply know *about* Him. To know God is to have a deep understanding and intimacy with Him. This is more than head knowledge; it is a deep, intimate fellowship and closeness. It produces life. Knowing God transforms us from the inside out.
- God is unlike no other, and knowing God provides for our deepest needs; Identity, Family, Stability, and Destiny. These facts are two major reasons we should accept the invitation to follow Jesus on the Discipleship Path and get to know Jesus right now.

REFLECT:

- Why should we follow Jesus?
- Why do you follow Jesus?
- What does knowing God look like in your life?

TAKING ACTION:

- Find time this week to spend intimate time with God to really know Him.
- Ask God to show Himself to you in a new way.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, You are the Source of Peace and what we need the most in life. Allow Your Spirit to merge Your word into our souls so we can be more like Your dear Son, Jesus. We need Your guidance and Your goodness. Give us the courage to teach and observe all things You have commanded and done as we make disciples. Help us to live and pattern our lives according to Your holy scriptures. Compel us to win the lost for and to Christ and to share the love of Jesus with the world. We praise You for making Yourself known to us. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

