



Text: Matthew 4:12-25

Topic: Discipleship, Following Jesus

Big Idea of the Message: To follow Jesus means to live with radical abandonment for his glory, to lay down and leave behind all things in order to live for the King, with joyful dependence on his grace, faithful adherence to his person, total trust in his authority, and to live with urgent obedience to his mission.

Application Point: We must consider the cost to follow Jesus, as well as the cost to not follow Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Read Matthew 4:18–22 and Luke 5:1–11. How did the disciples react to Jesus' call? What did they leave behind?
3. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How are abandonment and repentance related?
4. Do you think the process of leaving behind all things for Christ is immediate or gradual or both? What are the ramifications for you as a disciple and for those you are discipling?
5. What do you think is the most difficult thing to lay down in order to follow Christ? What is ours now and in eternity when we live for the King's honor? Will our gain be greater than any loss? How can this truth radically alter our lives?