

Following Jesus

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations. Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series during the season of Lent will focus on apprenticeship to Jesus (what does it mean to follow Jesus?). Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- In our culture, what does it mean to follow someone? Is there anyone you follow?
- What do you think is the driving aim of your life? Your top goals and priorities? Try to be honest in your answer as opposed to giving “the right answer.”
- Read **Mark 1:14-20**. What stands out for you in this text?
- Think about this story. What would make Simon literally walk away from a profitable business and leave behind his family and friends, with zero planning, all to follow a man with no income stream and no official position into an unknown future?
- What does it mean to be a disciple?
- What does it mean to be an apprentice? How is this a helpful reframing of discipleship?
- What is the goal of an apprentice electrician? What does this tell us about being an apprentice of Jesus?
- Jesus claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life (see John 14:6). But as Eugene Peterson pointed out, “Jesus as the truth gets far more attention than Jesus as the way. Jesus as the way is the most frequently evaded metaphor among Christian with whom I have worked for fifty years as a North American pastor.” Why is that?
- Is it possible to believe in Jesus but not be his follower?
- Read **Luke 6:46-49**. What is Jesus trying to communicate in this parable?

Optional. Consider listening to the following podcast (either together or solo):

[Practicing the Way Podcast Episode 01: Apprentice to Jesus](#)