"THE CALLING" Walking with the Savior #1 February 28, 2021 Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 9:23-26

What We Learn About Being A Disciple of Jesus -

1. Disciples are willing and available to follow Jesus. As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. Matthew 9:9

2. Disciples don't wait until they "have it all together" before they follow Jesus. On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:12-13

3. Disciples choose to sacrifice everything for the sake of following Jesus. Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. Luke 9:23-26

- Deny myself –
- Take up my cross daily –
- Follow Jesus –
- Impact –

THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL February 28th, 2021 Week Discussion Questions from the Sermon

- 1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
- 2. Imagine that a young Christian asks you this question, "How would you describe a disciple?" How would you respond to this question?
- 3. In the sermon we talked about the "when/then" perspective. That is, "When this happens, then I'll get serious about my faith." Have you experienced this? Are you now? Explain.
- 4. Read Matthew 9:9-13. What do you learn about Jesus? What do you learn about being a disciple?
- 5. Read Luke 9:23-26. What do you learn about Jesus? What do you learn about being a disciple?
- 6. How can you apply this sermon and the bible readings to your life?

Weekly Bible Memory Verse: As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. Matthew 9:9

Bible Readings: Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week's sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Mark 10:17-31 Tuesday – Matthew 6:19-24 Wednesday – Matthew 6:25-34 Thursday – Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 Friday – Ecclesiastes 6:1-12 Saturday – Matthew 13:44-46 Sunday – Mark 10:17-31