

“THE MAIN THING”

Text: Mark 1:16-18

- The calling of the first disciples
 - “Come” – An _____
 - “Follow me” – A _____
 - “And I will make you . . .” – A call to _____
- Notice the progression of:
 - step #1 – _____ Christ (John 1:12)
 - Deals with salvation
 - Step #2 – _____ Christ (Mark 3:14)
 - Deals with our devotion to Christ
 - Step #3 – _____ Christ (2 Cor. 3:18)
 - Deals with our character
 - Step #4 – _____ Christ (2 Cor. 5:14-15)
 - Deals with our service
- “With Christ!” “Like Christ!” “For Christ!”
- “The three form a _____ in which each is connected to the other.... Those who spend time in the company of Christ are increasingly shaped into his likeness and will want to offer themselves in service for Christ.” Alex Aronis
- How do we keep the main thing the main thing? How do we grow in our intimacy with Christ?
 - According to Alex Aronis, one way is: Through a _____ of inner transformation, primarily by meditating on Christ’s life here on earth (Ephesians 3:17-19)
 - By remembering that he loved us while we were (and are) still _____ (Romans 5:8)
- What to look for in your meditation of God’s Word!
 - _____ Insight (P)
 - _____ Insight (A)
 - _____ Insight (I)
 - _____ Insight (D)
- A verse to remember this Father’s day
 - ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.