



Part Three: Follow

In churches we talk a lot about following Jesus but where does that actually lead us? When Jesus asked people to follow him, he wasn't offering to add some things to their lives, he was inviting them to rethink their lives.

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Bottom Line: If you need some direction, set your direction toward people in need!

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had to make a decision that you knew would be life changing? What emotions did you feel when you faced that kind of choice? How did you figure out what you would do?
2. Pastor Dave mentioned 3 different pursuits that drive many people in our culture: self (individualism), stuff (materialism) and sex (romance). Which of these is mostly to influence your decisions/lifestyle? Are there other pursuits that tend to be the main driving force in people's lives? In what ways is pursuing these things healthy and in which ways can it become unhealthy?
3. Read Mark 1:14-15. Jesus challenges people to radically rethink their lives in light of what God is doing in the world. Does the idea of rethinking how you live intimidate or excite you (or both)? What areas of your life are you more likely to cling to the status quo?
4. Read Mark 1:16-20. What do you think it felt like for these men to be challenged to leave their lives to follow Jesus? Why do you think they were willing to do that?
5. Repentance isn't just turning away from unhealthy things, but turning towards God through faith. What are some ways that make it evident that people have turned towards Jesus? Are there scriptures that support your answer?

Moving Forward

What are some things in your life that you need to rethink and turn away from? What are some ways that you can turn toward God in faith and obedience? What do you think the benefits would be if you made those changes? How would your life be different?