

JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES

Matthew 4:18-22 (Jesus is about 30 years old)

18 Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee. He saw two brothers. One brother was Peter. The other brother was Andrew. They were fishermen. They were throwing a net into the water.

19 "Come. Follow me," Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men." 20 Soon, Peter and Andrew left their nets. They followed Jesus.

21 Jesus continued walking by the Sea of Galilee. Again, Jesus saw two brothers. One brother was James. The other brother was John. They were in a boat. They were with their father, Zebedee. And they were preparing their nets.

Jesus said: Follow me. 22 Soon, they left the boat – and they left their father. And they followed Jesus.

Mark 2:13

Again, Jesus went by the Sea of Galilee.

Matthew 9:9-13

9 Jesus saw a man. His name was Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector. [Many tax collectors took extra money from the people.] Matthew was sitting at the tax collector's place.

Jesus said: Follow me. Matthew stood up – and he followed Jesus.

10 Jesus went to Matthew's house to eat dinner. And many tax collectors and sinners came to Matthews' house. They ate dinner with Jesus – and with Jesus' disciples.

11 Religious leaders saw Jesus eating with the tax collectors and sinners. So the religious leaders asked Jesus disciples, "Why does Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 Jesus heard what the religious leaders said. So Jesus said, "Healthy people do not need a doctor – sick people need a doctor. 13 I did not come to call good people – [there are no good people]. I came to call sinners."

Jesus said to the religious leaders, "So you must learn this: God wants us to show mercy to sinners – God doesn't want religious ceremony."

CONTENT QUESTIONS**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What was Peter & Andrew's job? (Matthew 4:18)

What do fishermen do?

- What did Jesus tell Peter & Andrew to do? (verse 19)
- What will Peter & Andrew become? (verse 19)

What do "fishers of men" do? What do you think?

- What did Peter & Andrew do? (verse 20)

What was #1 for Peter & Andrew: Jesus or work?

- Who were James & John with? (verse 21)
- What did Jesus tell James & John to do? (verse 21)
- What did James & John do? (verse 22)

Who was #1 for James & John: Jesus or family?

- What was Matthew's job? (Matthew 9:9)
- Were tax collectors good people? [verse 9]
- What did Jesus tell Matthew to do? (verse 9)
- What did Matthew do? (verse 9)

What was #1 for Matthew: Jesus or money?

- Who ate at Matthew's house? (verse 10)
- Were the religious leaders happy? Why not? (verse 11)

Did the religious leaders think they (themselves) were good?
Do you think the religious leaders are good people?

What is sin? Sin = (1) bad thoughts, (2) bad words, (3) bad actions.

- Why did Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners? (verse 12)

Why did sinners want to be with Jesus? What do you think?
Do you think sinners wanted to be with the religious leaders?

- Who does Jesus call – who does he choose? (verse 13)
 - Who does Jesus not call? (verse 13)

Why does Jesus not call "good" people?
Are there any good people?

How does Jesus feel about sinners?

- What does God want? (verse 13)

Which do you think is more important:
Loving people? Or doing religious ceremonies?