

## Lesson 07: The Call of the First Disciples

Objective: To know that to be "fishers of men" (winning people for the Kingdom) we must be obedient to Jesus' words.

Background: After a brief, fruitful ministry in Samaria, Jesus returned to Galilee where He did most of His ministry. He began to gather around Him a group of *disciples* (meaning "learner" or "follower"), later on chose twelve of them and called them *apostles* (which means "sent one" or "missionary"). His plan was to give these twelve men *on-the-job training*, preparing them to be "*disciple-makers*" so that they would carry on His work after He leaves them.

Instruction: Review Mt. 3:13-4:11; Jn. 1 :35-4:54 before you study Mk. 1 :14-20; Lk.6:12-16.

### Let's Think:

1. According to Mt. 3:13-4:11; Jn. 1 :35-4:54, what has transpired since Jesus left Nazareth to be baptized by John? Trace His steps to this point on a map and jot down the events in a chronological order.
2. Based on His message, what do you know about *the movement* Jesus has launched (Mk. 1 :14, 15), the mission He announced (Lk. 4: 17-21), and the disciples He called (Mk 1: 17)? *Is it a political movement* ? Explain .
3. Did Jesus call two pairs of brothers because they had nothing to do? What were their decisions? and what does that entail? (Read Mark 10:28)
4. How do you characterize the people whom Jesus recruited? Were they "influential" persons whom people looked up to? (also Mk2:13-14; Acts 4:13) Do we have to be "somebody" to serve the Lord and to be used by Him?
5. Did Jesus call the men to join a religious organization? What did He have in mind in calling them? What qualities must a disciple have in the light of the call? (Mk 2: 17)
6. Who are the twelve apostles that Jesus appointed later on? (Lk. 6:12-16) For what *two purposes* did He select them according to Mk. 3:13-15 (cf. Lk. 9:1-2; Jn. 20:21; Mt. 28:18-20)? Is there significance about *the order*? Explain.
7. What does this study reveal about the *privilege* and *responsibility* of believers? Are you enjoying your privilege and fulfilling your responsibility? Be honest!

Let's Remember: And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Mark 1 :17, 18).