

Lesson 7 **The Call of the First Disciples**

**Objective:** To learn that Jesus is the one and only person we Christians (believers) follow.

**Background:** After stopping at Samaria, Jesus returned to Galilee. Jesus was sometimes called a Galilean because He did most of His work in Galilee. Jesus began to gather around Him a group of disciples (a disciple is a learner or follower). Later on He chose twelve of them and called them **Apostles** (an apostle is a sent one). His plan was to teach and train these twelve men so they could continue His Work after He left the earth.

**Instruction:** Read carefully John 1:35-42 and Mark 1:16-20. Please read over again the Scriptures given at the end of a question before answering it.

**Let's Think:**

1. Read John 1:35-42 and tell how Peter, who was also called Simon, along with Andrew and John heard and met Jesus and guess how James might have come to know Jesus. (These Brothers were disciples of John the Baptist before they met Jesus. The two disciples in vs 35 are Andrew and John, whose name is not mentioned.)

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2. Where were these men when Jesus called them? (Mark it on the map). Did Jesus call them because they were doing nothing or had nothing to do? Who were they? (Mark 1:16-20)

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3. Who is the one and only person they must "follow"? In other words, who should be their "hero"? And what does it mean to be "fishers of men"? (Mark 1:17)

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4. Later on, as the group of disciples became bigger and bigger, Jesus chose twelve of them and called them Apostles. Who were the twelve? List their names (Luke 6:12-16). Read Mark 3:13-14 and give two reasons why Jesus chose the twelve. Read also Luke 9:1-2 and find out what Jesus meant.

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5. Read each statement carefully before answering "T" (True) or "F" (False).
- a) \_\_\_ Every Believer (Christian) is called to be a disciple of Jesus.
  - b) \_\_\_ To follow Jesus means to “obey” His Word and to “follow” His example.
  - c) \_\_\_ Winning people for Jesus is a privilege and responsibility of each believer.
6. Answer honestly the following questions and find out whether or not you are “following” Jesus. Who is your “hero” who you think of often? And who do you try to “imitate” in things such as clothing, behavior, language, etc? Are you “following” Jesus? What’s the proof? THINK!!

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**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 follow Jesus. (Mark 1:17-18)