

Gospel of Mark – session 3: Answering the call

Begin by reading Mark 1: 14-20 and Mark 2:13-17

Other accounts

If you have time, see the parallel accounts in

- Matthew 4:12-22 and 9:9-13
- Luke 4:14-15, 5:1-11 and 5:27-31
- The account in John (1:35-50) is rather different

Prepare for discussion

- Why do you think Jesus chose this as the appropriate time to call the disciples?
- What similarities do you see between the two sets of calling?
- Why do you think that they each responded as they did?
- Does anything strike you about the professions of these first disciples?
- If you could ask one of the new disciples a question, which disciple would it be, and what question would you ask them?
- Is there a difference between a disciple and a follower?
- How does Jesus call new disciples in the 21st Century?
- What messages do you see for today's church in these two readings?

A challenging question for personal reflection

Would you consider yourself a disciple or a follower and why?