

THE JOB

Message Notes

Jesus approached ordinary people and gave them a **new job**.

A disciple's job started with an **invitation**, not an application.

"Come, **follow me**. I will show you how to fish for people." *Matthew 4:19*

Jesus tells his disciples, "**carry on** my ministry."

"Go, **make disciples** of all nations..." *Matthew 28:19*

"I tell you for certain that **if you have faith in me**, you will do the same things that I am doing. **You will do even greater things...**" *John 14:12*

"I personally believe the greatest grief we bring to the heart of Jesus is our lack of faith in what he wants to do in and then through us."

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Our Job: We must **make disciples**.

1. We must **spend time** with God.

"Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am." *John 12:26*

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. *Luke 5:16*

2. We must **be intentional** with our relationships.

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. *Proverbs 27:17*

"You will be the same person in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read." -Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care - then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. *Philippians 2:1-2*

3. We must **serve** others.

Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. *Philippians 2:3-4*

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." *Mark 10:45*

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...
1 Peter 4:10

Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ. *1 Corinthians 11:1*

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Luke 10:13-37	MONDAY Luke 10:38-11:13	TUESDAY Luke 11:14-36
this week	april 3	april 4	april 5
WEDNESDAY Luke 11:37-12:7	THURSDAY Luke 12:8-34	FRIDAY Luke 12:35-59	SATURDAY Luke 13:1-21
april 6	april 7	april 8	april 9
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Matthew 28:19			

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For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD - What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

Introduction

More than 2000 years ago, Jesus approached ordinary people with ordinary jobs and asked them to be His disciples. The disciples could have never guessed the job Jesus would leave in their hands. After three years, Jesus asked His disciples to carry on His ministry of making more disciples...and then He left them. The disciples took their job seriously, and for generations the message of Jesus has been passed down from one person to the next - from one disciple to another.

Discussion Questions

1. We have all had jobs we loved and jobs we didn't. Share a time when you had a job that caused you to ask, "What have I gotten myself into?"

2. Read John 12:26. In order to be a disciple we must choose to spend time with Jesus. On average, how much time would you say you spend with God each week?

What are some things you choose to do that may crowd out some of the time you could spend with Him?

3. Read Proverbs 27:17. Followers of Jesus must be intentional with their relationships. In what ways have you been challenged or encouraged by being a part of this group?

Small Group Questions Continued

How has your group experience prepared you to help others become more like Jesus?

4. Read 1 Peter 4:10. Use the space below to write a description of the gifts God has given you to serve others.

How do you use the way God made you (your talents, education, experiences, and skills) to bless and influence others for God?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. Your primary job as a disciple is to make more disciples. How confident are you that someone else could become like Jesus simply by following your example? Why?

What will you do this week to identify where you are in the process of becoming a disciple, step into the next part of your journey, and do the job of making another disciple?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is _____

This coming week, I'm praying for:

