



A Bible Study on God's Call in Your Life

You can watch Pastor Andy's introduction to this story [here](#).

First Disciples

"Peter would not have been in a position to initiate church growth at the point of his calling, but Jesus spotted the potential that lay within him.

How might your potential and personal gifts be used to serve God in the Church and the world?"

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations/stories-calling>)

Read Matthew 4:18-22:

18-20 Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed.

21-22 A short distance down the beach they came upon another pair of brothers, James and John, Zebedee's sons. These two were sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their fishnets. Jesus made the same offer to them, and they were just as quick to follow, abandoning boat and father.

(The Message Translation)

- What gifts did these four possess that Jesus was interested in? Or was it more that he was going to develop them into disciples? What do you think?
- What impacts (positive and negative) do you think "passing the baton" to many disciples has for the future of the church?
- How have you seen growth in disciples – in your life and in the lives of others?
- Why do you think they said "yes" to Jesus?
- When have you said "yes" to Jesus that may have surprised you afterwards? How did it turn out, or how is it turning out?

Prayer: *Lord help us to believe that we are all ordinary people made extraordinary through your vision and your power.*

Take our insecurities and feelings of inadequacy, and give us the courage to see ourselves and others as you see us, with gifts and potential to transform your world and build your Kingdom.

Amen

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations/stories-calling>)