

## DESCENDING INTO GREATNESS

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### *“The Apprentice”*

1. **Review last week’s prayer requests and update each other**
2. **Review the Big Idea:** What did you hear this morning?

What does it really look like to be Jesus’ apprentice? When ordinary people are willing to walk away from their old life because they trust Jesus enough to live their lives for Him. It takes great commitment and surrender to leave behind our old lives and place our complete faith and trust in Christ, but we do that because we are inspired by the vision that our lives could be so much more, not only impacting who we could be but also the impact we can have in other peoples lives.

### **A CLEAR VISION OF GOD’S KINGDOM INSPIRES...**

#### **1. A RESPONSE IN ME**

*“After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!’”*

Mark 1:14-15 [NIV]

EXERCISE: What is one thing you’ve had difficulty surrendering to God? What is the “trust factor” that prevents you from doing so?

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- ***As you debrief the question in the reflection exercise from this morning: what is the hardest area of your life to allow God to lead?***
- ***What practical steps are you going to take to allow God the opportunity to lead your life?***
- ***How can our life team support, challenge, and encourage you as you address this issue in your life with God?***

#### **2. A RESPONSE FROM ME**

*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’”*

Mark 1:17 [TNIV]

EXERCISE: Whose life have you committed to improving this year for Jesus' sake?  
How are you pointing them towards Jesus?

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- ***How did this morning's definition of a disciple ('a follower is a fisher') change your understand of what it takes to give our whole lives to following Jesus?***
- ***As you debrief the questions in the reflection exercise form this morning: what steps are you taking to follow God more closely to fish for people more deliberately?***
- ***How can our life team support, challenge, and encourage you as you allow God to use you in the lives of other people?***

***'Rubber meets the road'***

- ***Spend some time in prayer. Pray for each other and the things that you want God to do in your lives as a result of this conversation. Also pray for the specific people that you want God to reach through you.***

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO APPRENTICE UNDER JESUS?

IT MEANS TRADING OUR OLD LIVES  
TO GOD FOR NEW LIVES FROM GOD TO  
CHANGE LIVES FOR GOD.