

WHO ME?

10/3 & 10/4

[Luke 5:1-11](#) - Do you remember when Jesus first asked you to follow him? What was your answer? There was a moment when Jesus said, "Come and see" giving you an opportunity to check out Jesus to see if he is who he said he is. It might be a little later Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Now, you face a choice. Do you follow him or not? Each of us face this choice because Jesus does not force us into a relationship. He will not make us do anything. Peter, Andrew, James, and John are finishing up their night of fishing when Jesus asks them. Peter knows that is not worthy of such a call. Peter wants Jesus to be certain that he knows what he is getting.

What did you say when Jesus called you to follow him?

What did you fear as you thought about your answer?

How are you growing in your relationship with Jesus?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for September 28 – October 4, 2026

What do you do when you face something that challenges you? There are times when I am asked different questions about what I believe and why I believe them. Each time I am asked these types of questions, I have a moment of panic because I want to answer the questions honestly and to the best of my knowledge. I panic because I dig a little deeper and ask myself, "Why do I believe this?" There are times when my answers aren't good enough, and I need to re-examine my beliefs. As we continue to look into being a disciple of Jesus, there may come a time when we are challenged in what we believe and why we believe it. As Jesus calls his first disciples, Peter faces the truth that he is unworthy of following Jesus, yet Jesus still calls Peter to follow him. It takes Peter some time to reconcile his unworthiness and Jesus' call. There are times when we walk with a similar tension. Jesus calls us to follow him just as we are.
~ Pastor Seth

WILL YOU?

Mon. 9/28

[Psalm 119:33-40](#) - Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. It covers one topic, which is following God's word. The chapter is broken into eight verses and each of those eight verses begin with the same Hebrew alphabet letter. It may not look like in the English translation, but the original Hebrew shows it clearly. In the section we read today, we can see the psalmist wants to know God's words so he can follow God all his days. The psalmist doesn't want to stray from God or focus on things that take him away from God. The psalmist decided to follow God all the days of his life and wants to stay true to his decision.

When did you decide to follow Jesus?

What resources do you use to stay close to Jesus?

IN YOUR DREAMS

Tue. 9/29

[Genesis 37:1-10](#) - Dreams are powerful moments in our lives. They can lead us into great moments or become disappointments when unfulfilled. Joseph has a dream and when he shares it, his family resents him for it. Joseph's dream shows that he will be ruling over his family. The dream doesn't say when or how this will occur, so Joseph has a choice, will he trust the dream or not? Joseph understands this dream to be from God. As he stays true to what God shown him, he ends up in Egypt as a slave. He is thrown in prison for a crime he didn't commit, but God's hand is with him. He is given a gift to interpret dreams, which leads him to be a step below Pharaoh in ruling Egypt. Joseph could have given up on what God shown him, but he didn't. He stayed true to God's calling to follow wherever He leads.

What are you doing to stay true to God's call on your life?

How do you know if it is God leading you?

A FOREHEAD OF STONE

Wed. 9/30

[Ezekiel 2:1-3:15](#) - When we follow Jesus, there are times when our commitment needs to be set in stone. The prophet Ezekiel gives us an opportunity to see the strength God gives us when we decide to follow Him. Ezekiel is given words to share with the people of God before the final siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonian Empire. The first waves of Israelites were taken and settled into the land of the Babylon Empire. They struggled just like any of us would struggle when uprooted from our homes. When God gave Ezekiel the words to share, the people didn't want to hear them and struggled with God's decision. They didn't want to admit their sin. Ezekiel would have a hard time explaining to them God's words, but God gave him the strength to proclaim His words to the people. Ezekiel remained true to God even when it cost him.

What does discipleship cost you?

When did God give you the strength to follow Him?

WALKED AWAY SAD

Thur. 10/1

[Matthew 19:16-22](#) - When have you been disappointed? Maybe you let someone down or someone lets you down. In either case you walked away sadden by the experience. Jesus meets a young man who wants to know what he needs to do inherit eternal life. Jesus gives him an honest answer of following the Ten Commandments. Yet the young man wants to prove himself, and says that he does follow them, asks if there is anything else. When Jesus tells him to sell all he has and follow him, the young man walks away. We can sit here, point our fingers at the young man, and call him foolish because of his decision. Yet we have a similar choice. Jesus calls us to be his disciples, and we have a choice will we follow him or follow our desires. We may not be rich, but we are tempted to put things in front of our relationship with Jesus.

What are you tempted to put in front of Jesus?

When does giving in break your heart?

WHO ARE YOU?

Fri. 10/2

[Acts 9:1-19](#) - God chooses different people to be his disciples and there are times when we are shocked by it. Saul is probably the most famous testimony. Saul was not a nice to Christians. His view was the best Christian was a dead one. So, he did everything in his power to destroy those who followed Jesus. Then he met Jesus. Jesus spoke to Saul as he was on his way to arrest and torture more Jesus followers. When Saul met Jesus, it caused a big jolt to everything Saul thought he knew. He had to rearrange his thoughts and to see how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the past. He had to make sense of Jesus' death and resurrection. Saul's thoughts opened the door for many more to follow Jesus. Why is it important to share our testimony?

How has Jesus spoken into your life?