

How To Be A Follower Of Jesus

Mark 1:14-20

Into the Lesson:

What do you remember about learning how to ride a bike?
Was there:

- A gently sloping, open grassy area or was it on the sidewalk-
- Were you successful on your first attempt-
- Did you have on proper safety equipment-
- How long was it after you figured out the peddling part before you figured out the brakes-
- Was there a responsible adult there, or just your dad-

Apart from the physics of it all (a class all the smart kids took), when did the realization kick in that **momentum** was required for you to be successful?

Into the Word:

Comment on Lane's opening remarks from "**Open Doors Ministry**" regarding the fact that *right now* 380 million of our brothers and sisters are suffering persecution worldwide.

Reread Mark 1:1-20 and mark the words or phrases that point to the "All In" nature of their situation and how it fits with the urgency and **momentum** we read about in Mark.

From his sermon Lane pointed out, "...Confronted by the powers of darkness...Jesus emerges from that unscathed."

How would this encourage the "All In" momentum we read through this book?

How does the "sticky note" version of v.14 combined with Matthew 14:3-12 provide a glimpse of the "All In" nature of John's situation?

Besides the fact that it's written in red, how does verse 15 stand as "Call to Arms" for those who "believe in the gospel"?

Combined with Luke 5:1-11, what do you recall about Lane's comments concerning the calling of these "four guys"?

From what we read of James and John, what would have been the implications for:

- Their father and co-workers-
- The value of two boatloads of fish (based on the cost of a Filet-o-Fish from McDonald's)-

Into Life:

From his message, Lane made several statements that could become the focus of several sermons (thanks for his restraint) comment on a few of these and the implications for the church:

- "...Some have become increasingly silent"-
- "...We live in a culture that is confused about the nature of Christianity"-
- "We live in a culture of *individualized truth*..."-
- "REPENT.... the word can mean different things to different people"-
- "And the truth is offensive in its nature..."-

How will a clearer understanding of the above produce the "All In" **momentum** expected of us as "believers in the gospel"?

How will the realization that "I have only one calling in my life...to introduce others to Jesus Christ" impact my relationships with:

- Family-
- People we encounter on a daily basis-
- Those who would rather chop off your head than listen to your message of hope-

**THERE IS A MESSAGE TO BE HEARD
A DECISION TO BE MADE
A COST TO BE COUNTED
A LIFE TO BE LIVED
WILL YOU FOLLOW???**

