



OneKC2024 wk2: The Messiah Leads

Introduction: As Jesus began His ministry, he called disciples to follow and they left everything and followed. What would make people leave everything behind? Are we willing to do the same thing?

Discussion Questions

1. Is there something that you really enjoy that you were able to pass on to someone else and see them enjoy it (like a game, love of a movie, music)? What kinds of things “spark joy” for you?
2. Read **Matthew 4:17** What was Jesus’ message? Was this something his followers could experience then? Do you think people today think they can experience the Kingdom of Heaven here and now?
3. Read **Matthew 4:18-22** Matthew doesn’t give us a lot of information here, just a call and a response. Why do you think these guys responded as they did? Do you think they were excited? What would following Jesus look like for them and is that any different for us now?
4. Verse 19 should be translated, “I will make you..” Some translations have changed it focusing on the job, which is important, but it misses the shaping/molding element. Why is it so important that Jesus followers allow Him to shape them as they carry out His mission?
5. Read Matthew 4:23-25 How did Jesus’ approach differ from the way other teachers interacted with people? What is the tension in being close enough to be near people who need to experience Jesus and not so close that we do what they do?
6. Why do so many Christians struggle with experiencing joy or seeing following Jesus as an adventure? How can we regain that joy?

Shaping Your Mind – *“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men...” Matthew 4:19*

Moving Forward – *Don’t let anything keep you from following Jesus!*