



Sermon Discussion Guide

Proclamation -> Invitation -> Response - James Junior
10-5-25

Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
 - *What's the most memorable invitation you've ever received, and what made it stand out to you?*
 - *What's an invitation you regret not accepting?*
 - *What kind of invite gets you instantly excited to RSVP 'yes'?*
 - *What makes an invitation feel truly special to you?*

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
 - *Mark 1:14-20*
 - **Jesus Announces the Good News**
 - **14** After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"
 - **Jesus Calls His First Disciples**
 - **16** As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **17** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." **18** At once they left their nets and followed him.
 - **19** When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. **20** Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.
- *What is the good news mentioned in this text?*
- *What in this text suggests that this news is truly good?*



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- *Pro tip: Consider things like who is delivering the news, who it is for, the nature of the news, what the news includes, and the implications of it! Is it a statement? A question? An invitation? Who does it involve? Who is affected by it? Who is it for? How is the goodness of this news carried out?*
- *Is there any way you would frame verse 15 in your own words to help someone understand what Jesus is saying?*
- *What did Jesus do after proclaiming this good news?*
- *Why do you think Jesus followed His good news with an invitation?*
- *What is significant about who Jesus right away invited?*
- *What were they doing before they encountered Jesus and His invitation? What about after?*
- *What does this text tell us about how this good news/invitation impacted them?*

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
 - *What does it say about our God, that His son Jesus, would invite us to participate in the good news He has for the world?*
 - *What do you think we're missing out on if we see Jesus' proclamations as just information to be received rather than an invitation to be responded to?*

Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
 - *Consider to yourself what it would be like for Jesus to walk up to you with this same invitation.*



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- *Consider sharing with the group:*
 - *What would it take for you to drop what you are currently doing to follow Him?*
 - *What might you have to let go of or loosen your grip on to accept His invitation?*
 - *Maybe you might not feel ready to drop everything to follow His invitation just yet. Maybe you would go with Him right now.*
 - *What do you think Jesus would encourage your next step to be?*
 - *Maybe you've accepted His invitation.*
 - *What could it look like for you to participate in His invitation?*
 - *like Deah's friend who invited her to study?*
 - *Is Jesus' invitation worthy of a response?*
 - *How do you want to respond?*

Time of Prayer