

Evangelism Mini-Series

Matthew 4:18-22

From Personal Relationship to Purposeful Mission

March 29/30

This week, our discussion will center on the *Be The Bridge* mini-series part 2 sermon.

Icebreaker Question: Share an experience you've had talking about Jesus with someone who didn't know Him personally. What felt awkward about it? What made it meaningful?

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Discussion Questions:

1. Before diving into the questions, take a few minutes to share your general impressions or fresh insights from this familiar passage.
2. Pastor Rodney shared several key points connecting evangelism to discipleship. How might your view of evangelism shift if you saw it as a natural outflow of being a disciple, rather than a separate or intimidating task?
3. Jesus called a group of ordinary men: *"God skipped all the wise of the day! The great scholars were in Egypt; the great library was in Alexandria; the great philosophers were in Athens; the powerful were in Rome. He passed over historians and great thinkers. He chose men so ordinary it was comical. No Rabbis, no teachers, no religious experts..."* Where do you feel most unqualified to share your story? How does this truth empower or encourage you?
4. Pastor Rodney challenged us with the idea that we're called to reproduce spiritually: *"There is no such thing as a non-producing Christian."* What does that look like in real life? In what ways do we sometimes get stuck in simply following Jesus without inviting others to follow Him too?
5. Robert Coleman said, *"God's plan for discipleship is not something but someone."* Who might God be inviting you to be intentional with? What could that intentionality look like in your current season?

Application: Rodney emphasized the power of our personal story, introducing the (2-2-2) framework:

- Two words that describe your life *before* Jesus
- Two words that describe the immediate *change* Jesus made in your life
- Two words that describe your life as you *continue* to walk with Him

Take time as a group to break into pairs and share your stories using this format.

Close your time together in prayer—thanking God for His pursuit of you, and asking Him for a greater conviction to live as a reproducing disciple.