



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 1: Heaven to Earth
Episode 4: Calling of First Disciples
January 29 & February 1, 2026
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2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Growth Track: You'll learn tools and techniques to read and study the Bible, how to share your faith, essential biblical concepts and much more. Whether you're brand new or you're already a covenant member, Growth Track is for you. [Click here to learn more and start.](#)

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Night To Shine - Friday, Feb 13th, 6-9pm, Prime Osborn Convention Center:

Share God's love and celebrate our friends with special needs, all while having the time of your life! Whether it's by cheering in the crowd, doing hair and makeup, serving food or being a buddy and hanging out with a king or queen all night— there is a spot for you to serve! Visit Nigtoshinejax.com for more information and to register.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *"Choose one "it is written" truth to overcome a lie of the enemy. Meditate on it every day, memorize it and share it with your group next week."*

How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: *Genesis 12:3; Psalm 22:16; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:1–2, 53:7; Zechariah 9:9, 11:12, 11:13, 13:6; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 4:12-25; 1 Corinthians 1:27*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer every question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

- **Read Matthew 4:12-25. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Read Matthew 4:17. Pastor Joby discussed how we often delay the kingdom of heaven (wait and pray for it to come) vs. embody it. In what ways do you delay, and in what ways do you embody, the kingdom?** *(Eternal life begins NOW. Embody it. Push back darkness and shine light. Offer hope where there's hopelessness, good news where there's despair, life where there's death and Jesus in a world full on junk. Take hold of the kingdom of heaven where the King rules.)*
- **Jesus fulfilled over 300 of the prophecies about the coming Messiah. What does this teach us about God?** *(God is sovereign, omniscient, faithful, trustworthy and He keeps His promises. The odds of someone fulfilling just 48 prophecies are 1 in 10¹⁵⁷.)*
- **Jesus began His ministry in the "Galilee of the Gentiles," not Jerusalem. What does that show about God's character?** *(God's salvation is for all people, not just one tribe or the religious elite. This also fulfilled the prophecies in Isaiah 9:1–2 and Genesis 12:3.)*
- **Discover:** Why do you think Jesus picked the "b team" of Peter and Andrew instead of trained, elite religious students? *(Jesus's calling is based on grace and His purposes, not qualification. God uses the foolish to confound the wise, 1 Corinthians 1:27.)*
Deeper: Jesus redirected Peter and Andrew's fishing experience to His purposes. How has God uniquely shaped your skills, story and struggles for His rescue mission?
- **Who's on your team? Discuss the practical things you're doing to disciple someone and to get someone to disciple you.**
- **You can watch football or get in the game and become a football player. In what ways are you watching Jesus instead of getting in the game and following Him? Where are you following him closely right now?** *(In Jewish culture, following a rabbi meant imitating his life, not just learning his teaching. What is Jesus calling you to do right now?)*
- **Read Matthew 4:18-20. What nets do you need to drop immediately to follow Jesus and what He's calling you to do right now?** *(Is it your comfort, finances, safety...?)*
- **Jesus saw Peter and Andrew fishing and saw who they could be. Jesus sees you. What do you think Jesus sees when He sees you?** *(Jesus sees the real you and loves you. He sees you as God's child and who He's called you to be; He sees the completion of your perfect works through Him and to His Glory. What is He calling you to do?)*
- **Pastor Joby ended worship this week with a call to pray for each other. Take five minutes right now, pair off and take turns praying for each other.**

Action Step: Pray and ask Jesus to show you one "net" you need to drop. Then take one step of obedience this week, even if it feels costly or uncomfortable.

Your Discipleship Journey

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