

HTL Vision 2024 | Come Follow Him (2 weeks)

These studies are written for small groups but can be adapted for individual use. They accompany our 2024 Vision sermons ([Youtube](#), [Spotify](#))

Further Reading – ‘Practicing the Way’ by John Mark Comer

Session 1 – Mark 1:16-20

IN – Who is at the table?

Spend 10 minutes:

Small Group | Catch up with each other if you haven't done so already, and pray for those who are absent today. Why not drop them an encouraging message?

Personal study | Spend time in prayer for your Christian family. Who could you send an encouraging message to?

UP - Where is Jesus at the table?

Spend 10 minutes in prayer and worship using the theme of Jesus' invitation: Come Follow Me.

Scripture

Spend 30 minutes reading these scriptures and reflecting on these questions:

- Mark 1:16-20

The honour of an invitation from a Rabbi to 'Come Follow Me' was a call to be an apprentice, to leave everything and your way of life to be with them 24 hours a day. You would become like them and do what they did. Being a disciple of Jesus means we are apprentices.

How is your apprenticeship going?

What can you celebrate and where to do need more development?

- Matthew 16:13-20

It was in being with Jesus that Peter experienced and understood Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, something he declared after Jesus' question 'who do you say I am?'. In the reading you see Jesus tell Peter he is blessed and called him into his life's destination - 'You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my church'.

How are you experiencing Jesus?

How are you being released in his destiny for you?

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- Luke 9:24-25

Reflect on these verses and what they tell us about following Jesus.

Spend time praying prayers of confession and recommitment asking for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus calls us into community with the Trinity and each other.

How you might you journey together with your fellow apprentices?

OUT - Who is missing from the table?

Being apprentices of Jesus means doing what he did in calling people to repentance and new life in the kingdom of God.

Spend 15 minutes sharing how and who you are inviting to follow Jesus.

Pray for your witness, the people you are inviting, and the wider spread of the gospel through HTL

Pray for the “Remembering” mission week 5-12 October.

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Session 2 - 2 Corinthians 8-9

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UP - Where is Jesus at the table?

Spend 10 minutes in prayer and worship using the theme of Jesus' invitation: Come Follow Me.

Scripture

In last week's study we considered what it means to accept Jesus' invitation to 'Come, follow me'. This week we are focusing on what it means for our apprenticeship to live a life of generosity, firstly in terms of money and finance, and secondly in terms of serving.

Spend 30 minutes reading these scriptures and reflecting on these questions:

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

- *What characteristics and influence are the Christians in Corinth displaying?*
- *What does this say to the church 2000 years later?*
- *How will you review your financial giving?*
- *How will you serve in HTL as your local church as a result?*

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