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## A Higher Calling

Mark 1:14-20

Series: Getting In on the Good News  
 The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

### Central Passages

**Mark 1:17–18 (ESV)** — **17** And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

**Central Thought:** We get in on the good news by responding to the call of Jesus – a call that takes precedence over all other commitments and attachments, and leads us into God's greater, eternal purpose for our lives.

### High Time

- ❖ In Christ, God's kingdom has arrived, even has we look forward to and work towards its fulfillment at Christ's return.

- Chronos = Clock time - Kairos = God's time.

**2 Corinthians 6:2 (NIV)** — **2** For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, **now is the day of salvation.** (See also, Isaiah 49)

**Matthew 24:44–46 (NIV)** — **44** So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. **45** "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? **46** It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

### High Call

- ❖ The call of Christ restores us to lives of kingdom significance and eternal consequence.

**2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)** — **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us...

**Matthew 6:19–20 (ESV)** — **19** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

- ❖ The call of Christ is more urgent than call of career and financial security.
- ❖ The call of Christ supersedes the call of family commitments and relational entanglements.

**Luke 14:25–26 (ESV)** — **25** Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, **26** "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

**Luke 9:59–62 (ESV)** — **59** To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." **60** And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." **61** Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." **62** Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Matthew 19:27–29 (ESV)** — **27** Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" **28** Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29** And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.