

*Sermon on the Mount Series – Week One*

# ***The Profile of a Disciple in Training***

*Matthew 4:18-25; 10:1-4 (Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:11-13)*

**Introduction:** As Jesus begins the *Sermon on the Mount* he chooses 12 disciples whom he will first teach (Mt. 5-7) and then train (Mt. 8-9). As we begin our series, I want to first address the question: What does it mean to be a disciple in training? The assumed understanding was we follow. Additionally, 3 marks:

**1. *FIRST MARK – Disciples in training are learning to excel at worship and service to God the Father. Matthew 4:23; 9:35***

- A. The Sermon on the Mount and the miracles that follow are bookended by identical verses.
- B. Between these two book-end verses, lie two major sections of Matthew's book.
- C. These two sections have a strong relationship to each other.
- D. Take away – Discipleship is a call to closely follow Jesus with preference for action in the world.

**2. *SECOND MARK – Disciples in training undergo a fundamental shift in their personal identity. Matthew 4:18-22***

- A. Context – Jesus has come to the region around the Sea of Galilee. 4:13-17
- B. Story – Jesus asks these fishermen to do two things. 4:19-22
- C. Take away – As we consider following Jesus, it means totally rethinking our fundamental identity.

**3. *THIRD MARK – Disciples in training link up with others so they can advance the kingdom in community. Matt. 10:1-4 (Mk. 3:13-19; Lk. 6:11-13)***

- A. The chronology of the appointment of the 12 is important (Matt. 10, Mark 3 and Luke 6).
- B. We need to ask three questions about Jesus' appointment of the 12 from Mark 3 & Luke 6.
- C. Disciples advance the kingdom in the context of a diverse spiritual community.