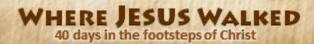
# THE TEAM

"...they left everything and followed Jesus."

Luke 5:11



# 1 JESUS CALLS THE REJECTS

"Oh, Lord, please leave me— I'm too much of a sinner to be around you."

**Luke 5:9** 



#### HOW MANY DISCIPLES WERE NORMALLY CHOSEN

- Education concludes at age 15
- Smartest boys applied for study with a Rabbi
  - Could be a rabbi themselves at age 30
  - If not chosen, entered trades at age 18



"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.."

John 15:16

**New International Version** 



# 2 JESUS CALLS THE DESPISED

"Oh, Lord, please leave me— I'm too much of a sinner to be around you."

**Luke 5:9** 



"Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi\* sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.

Luke 5:27-28
New Living Translation

\* Levi is the Hebrew name for the Greek name Matthew.





- Ground Tax
- Random Tax
- Living Tax

#### WHERE JESUS WALKED 40 days in the footsteps of Christ

Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" Luke 5:29-30





#### WHERE JESUS WALKED 40 days in the footsteps of Christ

Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

Luke 5:31-32
New Living Translation



# 3 JESUS CALLS THE MARGINALIZE

He took his twelve disciples with him, <sup>2</sup> along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases.

Luke 8:1-2





Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; <sup>3</sup> Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.

Luke 8:2-3



## THE POINT

1. Stay amazed that Jesus called you

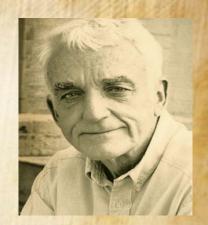


"You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name."

John 15:16



"We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground."



-Brennan Manning Christian Author 1934 – 2013



## THE POINT

- 1. Stay amazed that Jesus called you
  - 2. Jesus sees potential in you



"Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you... Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"

Luke 5: 8,10
New Living Translation



James and John: can we sit on the thrones
Thomas: I don't believe it

Simon: all he knew was how to assassinate people

Matthew: cheating people

Peter: I don't know the man



## THE POINT

- 1. Stay amazed that Jesus called you
  - 2. Jesus sees potential in you
  - 3. Serve Others as Jesus serves you



"wake up and look around.

The fields are already ripe for harvest."

John 4:35



# BIG IDEA

It's more important to act like Jesus than just learn about Him.

