

**Sovereign Grace Church**  
**“Kingdom Community” outline**  
April 29, 2018

**Matthew 4: 18-22**

*Christ's gospel was one of invitation to enter His eternal kingdom of love and righteousness. Last week we saw that His kingdom is not visible to the earthly corridors of power and may even look like a contradiction. How can you save your life and reject it at the same time? We also saw that Christ's invitation is more discernible to those who are aware of the darkness that surrounds them than it is to those who, although living in darkness, think of their darkness as light! The kingdom of Christ has no geographical limitations because it is not a geographical kingdom....it is a spiritual kingdom which has the effect of “bleeding into” & changing geographical kingdoms.*

*The next section of Matthew describes Jesus calling four men to follow Him as His disciples. So this morning we will use this passage to consider what is involved in learning to live our lives as disciples in Jesus' kingdom.*

**Introductory passages: Matt. 18: 20; Jn 4: 24**

**What is a disciple? *A disciple is a student/learner/apprentice.* Deut.6: 6-7**

- 1. What is to be the Disciples vision? v. 19**  
**Matt. 16:18; 28: 19**
  
- 2. What is the Disciples level of Commitment? vv. 20,22**
  - **Counting the Cost Lk 14:28**
  
  - **No Multitasking Matt 8: 19-22**
  
  - **Complete Commitment Matt. 19: 21-27**
  
  - **What about family? Matt 10: 37; 13: 31-32**

**3. How does the Disciple do his work? Transformation Matt 10: 25**

- **General Christlikeness Lk 6: 40; I Cor. 11: 1**
  
- **From inside to the outside Gal. 5: 22-23; I Cor. 13; Lk 18: 9-14**
  
- **Service Jn 12: 26**
  
- **Suffering I Pet 2: 21-23**
  
- **Love Jn 15: 12**

**Lessons: Col. 1; 27**

**Questions for Conversation and Reflection**

- 1. Is it possible to make a disciple by telling someone that Jesus has died for their sins and if they will just believe this they will go to heaven? Is there something missing in this message? What might it be?**
  
- 2. Do you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus? How do you know? What is different about your life now that you are following Jesus than was the case before you decided to follow Him? Have people who have known you for a long while notice this difference? If they do not, what might be the problem?**
  
- 3. How is it possible to commit yourself fully to Jesus and to commit yourself to your family, your vocation, your ministry etc., at the same time? How does being a disciple of Jesus affect you work in your job? How does it affect your work in management? How does it affect your work as a father or mother? How does it affect your work as a brother or sister? Child? Friend?**
  
- 4. In Luke 18 with whom do you identify more...the Pharisee or the tax collector? How can self-deception play a part in our interpretation of this passage? How would coming to self-awareness help? Are you aware of your own sins/weaknesses? How can we help our brethren in these matter without falling into judgmentalism?**