Good morning everyone!

Welcome

Today we hear about how Jesus called his disciples to follow him.

They left what they were doing and went with him straight away.

Let's think a bit about how we can follow Jesus in our lives.

Opening prayer

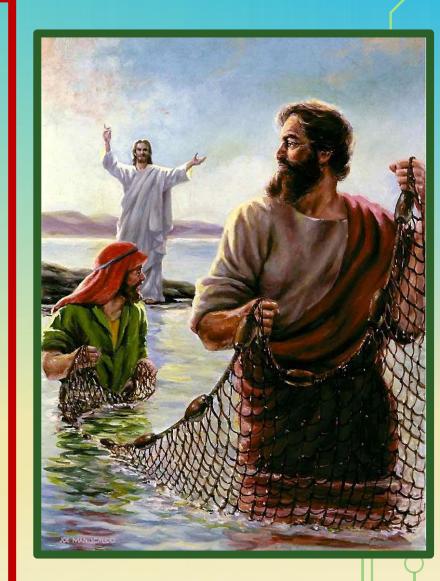


Dear Jesus Christ,
You call us all to follow you.
Help us to answer that call and live our lives
as you have asked us to.
Amen.

MARK 1:14-20

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God.

"The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!" As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people." At once they left their nets and went with him.



MARK 1:14-20

He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

They were in their boat getting their nets ready.

As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus



Gospel reflection

What do you remember from that reading?

Simon and his brother
Andrew are fishing by a
lake when Jesus asks
them to follow him. At
once, they leave their
fishing nets behind and
went with Jesus.

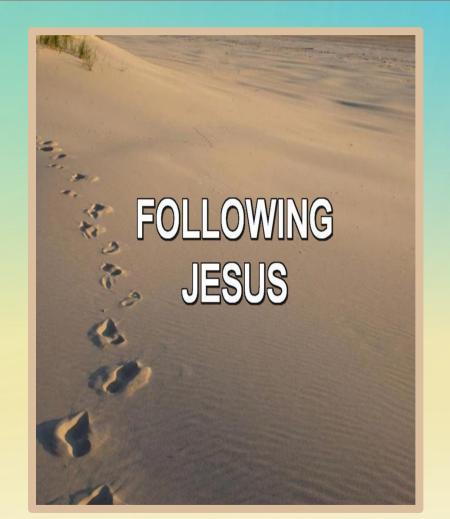
James and John did the same when they were asked. They left their father behind as well as their boat and their fishing nets. They follow Jesus and became his disciples

Do you think it was an easy decision for them to make to follow Jesus in this way?

How do you think the people that they left behind, like their families and friends, felt when they left so quickly?

How would you feel if you had to leave your family, friends and all your things behind?

Jesus asks us all to follow him. But unlike Simon, Andrew, James and John in this reading, we cannot see Jesus and go with him as he travels round the country.



So, what do you think Jesus wants us to do?
How can we follow Jesus?

We can follow Jesus by living our lives as he would want us to.

By being kind to others, sharing all that we have, and caring for all people, especially those who are poor or sick, so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone to live in.

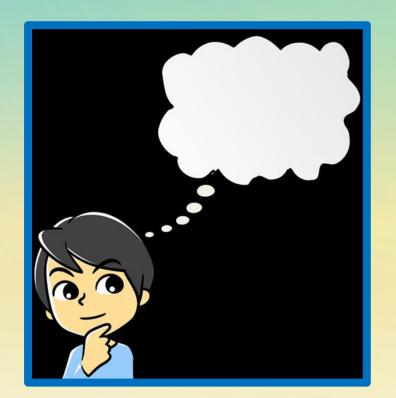






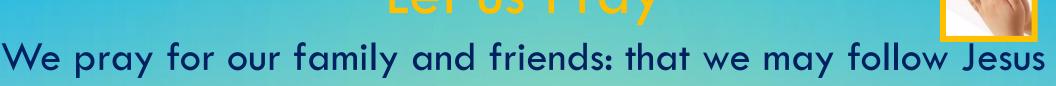
MY QUESTION TO YOU ALL TODAY IS

How will you follow Jesus this week?





Let us Pray



by sharing what we have with those who do not have enough and forgiving those who have hurt us.

Lord in your mercy;

All Response: Hear our prayers

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may continue to follow Jesus' example and reach out to welcome

and help those who are poor, sick and alone.

Lord in your mercy;

All Response: Hear our prayers

NOW, I WANT YOU ALL TO LISTEN TO YOUR TEACHERS AND TRY YOUR VERY BEST!

