

CHOOSING SOMETHING GREATER

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INTRODUCTION

Begin a series: A Process of Becoming

Mission of the Church: Leading people to become fully devoted followers of Christ

Importance of a good process--it helps develop a better product

KEY POINT: Intentional growth often requires letting go of something good for something better

TEXT: Mark 1:14-18

- **The coming of Jesus makes transformation possible (v. 14-15)**

His work on the cross, his resurrection, and his sending of the Holy Spirit enable us to experience better lives

- **The invitation of Jesus leads to something greater (vv. 16-17)**

Putting Jesus at the center of one's life, to allow him to direct and lead
DOMAINS: spiritually, physically, mentally, relationally, vocationally, financially, etc.

The invitation was not from something bad but an invitation to something better

- **Our decisive response to Jesus is essential (v. 18)**

Invitation demands decision

Learning to say yes to his process of becoming

The big YES: choosing to be a follower of Jesus

The daily YES: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

The first step in the process: clarifying the focus

1. **Determining a focus**

Importance of narrowing the focus:

In this season of my life: what is the key area I need to grow in?

2. **Describing its potential impact**

Allowing hope to flourish

3. **Deciding to follow Jesus for transformation**

Saying YES to Jesus: willingness to follow Him

Write it down, commit it in prayer, and share it with another

RESPONSE: Lord Jesus, I choose to follow you. Help me become the person you are calling me to be. Help me grow in this area!