

## Thy Kingdom Come: A Calling from the King

### Reflect

1. What jobs have you worked at in the past?
2. Did you feel called to those jobs in a special way, or were they merely to help pay bills?
3. What do you think it means to receive a calling from God?

### Read Your Bible

- Romans 8:28
- Matthew 4:17-25

### Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What do you think the disciples first thought when Jesus told them to follow Him?
2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I will send you out to fish for people"?
3. Do you think Jesus has ever invited you to follow Him? If so, how did you respond?
4. What do you think it means to follow Jesus?
5. Matthew 4:23 says that Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom. What do you think this means? What was Jesus teaching people?
6. Jesus loved to heal people who were sick. In fact, Scripture tells us that Jesus did not come for the healthy, but for the sick (Mark 2:17). Who in this world, do you think, are the sick that this verse is talking about?
7. People all over would bring their friends and family to Jesus to experience healing. Have you ever tried bringing someone to Jesus? Have you ever told anyone about the good news of Jesus?

### Conclusion

Jesus is always calling. The question is...are we listening? And not only listening to His voice, but are we willing to respond to His calling on our lives? One of the costliest decisions we could ever make in this world is to follow Jesus. Maybe you have never thought of it in this way before. When the disciples first decided to follow Jesus, they did not simply make a statement of faith and continue to live their normal everyday lives. Rather, they gave up all they had, leaving their old life behind, and lived the remainder of their lives for Jesus. This life was not an easy life. In fact, 11 of the 12 disciples gave their lives for the sake of Jesus, but it was even in the loss of their lives that they found true life. Jesus is calling each of us to follow Him. The question is...will we listen?

### Pray

Heavenly Father, You fill my lungs with air and have supplied my each and every need all the days of my life. Your calling on our lives is great, but the eternal life You promise to all who trust in You is even greater. Please help me to choose to follow You with my whole heart, even if it means losing all I have. In this life, O Lord, may I be forgotten, and may You be remembered. I pray this for the glory of Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!