

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

October 29

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Acts 11:26 (NIV) "...The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch."

1 Peter 4:14-16 (NIV) "If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name."

Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT) "One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind."

BEING A DISCIPLE:

1. Jesus doesn't choose the best, He chooses the willing.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV) "Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him."

Life Point: Jesus doesn't need your ability; He requires only your availability.

2. He chose us, not we Him.

John 15:16 (NIV) "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NLT) "God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful."

Philippians 1:6 (NIV) "being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Isaiah 46:11 (NLT) "What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do."

3. Our primary call is to be with Jesus.

Matthew 4:19 (NLT) "...follow me..."

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

4. To follow Jesus, we have to leave it all.

Matthew 4:22 (NIV) "...Immediately they left their boat and their father..."

Boat: Our careers, our livelihoods, how we take care of ourselves.

Fathers: Our most significant relationships.

5. Jesus commands us to spiritually reproduce.

Matthew 4:19 (NKJV) "...Follow me, and I will make you a fisher of men."

John 15:8 (NLT) "When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT) "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Action Point: Identify your One.

"If He (Jesus) is who He says He is, He is worthy of more than church attendance and casual association; He is worthy of total abandonment and supreme adoration." - David Platt, "Follow Me"