Christian Holiness is Contagious Scripture: Mark 1:14-20 Series: Come, Follow Me

The word kingdom is ______ and it pointed not so much to the place of royal rule as to that _____.

- 1. We do it by living out Jesus' ____ greatest _____
 - "Love the Lord your God with all your _____ and with all your _____ and with all your _____ The second is this: Love your _____ as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31
- 2. We do it by being _____.

• "For I, the LORD, am the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt, that I might be your God. Therefore, you ______ because _____" (Lev. 11:45).

While our salvation is _____, our following Jesus as a disciple is NOT an _____ pursuit.

Wisdom does not ______, and innocence does not

Thus, _____ does not _____ us from the world. Rather, ____ ____ us into the world even as God sent his Son into the world.

For the Jesus in Mark _____ lived out in _____ is _____, ____, ____, and _____.

Start talking.

• When you get some good news, who is the first person you want to share it with? Why?

TALK IT OVER

• As a kid, what would it take to get you to believe something your brother or sister told you?

Start thinking.

- What do you think motivated Andrew to tell Simon about Jesus?
- What are the titles used to describe Jesus? What do they mean?
- What did Phillip have in common with Andrew? What insight about Jesus excites Philip?
- What type of person is Nathanael? Why might he find it hard to believe Philip's statement? Why would Jesus call Philip and Nathanael in such different ways? How do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus spoke to him?
- Of the 5 people that vv35-48 to follow Jesus, how was contact made for each one? How much did each one know about Jesus when he decided to follow him? How does each "decision for Christ" illustrate the point earlier in John about the light of John and the true light of Christ?

Start sharing.

- What was your motive for following Jesus originally? What were the circumstances that led you to do so? How much did you know about him?
- · Who was the John or Andrew in your life?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, often I admit that I want to just trust in what I can see and am often can be in too much of a hurry to truly listen. Help me to slow down enough to pay attention to what you have to say. Help me to be patient and trust in each step. May I be found faithful as I point to you in every area of my life.

Start Doing:

- Look for where God is doing something in the ordinariness of life, and join Him.
- Acknowledge and thank God for His faithfulness in the past and place your current struggles at his feet and receive and live into the hope of what only He can do in your life.