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June 23, 2024
Father's Day**

**SUMMER 2024
Together . . . *in the Gospel*
June 2 – August 3, 2024
Preaching Voice: Evangelist**

***The Good News: Our Mission*
Mark 1:16-20**

Theme for 2024: *Together*

Theme for Summer 2024: *Together . . . in The Gospel*

Summer – Evangelistic Sensitivity

**Sermon Title: *The Good News: Our Mission*
Text: Mark 1:16-20**

COSMIC TO COMMON: The proclamation of Jesus concerning the Kingdom of God had cosmic connotations. Yet, the inauguration of the Kingdom of God would be practically accomplished through the lives of common people!

From now until Gethsemane Jesus appears in the narrative constantly accompanied by his disciples, and their training and development will be one of the main focuses of the story. They may, and often will, fail him and disappoint him, but their role is crucial to the achievement of his mission, for it is through this flawed and vulnerable group of people that God's kingship will be established. And it is in tracing their development as Jesus' disciples, both in its successes and in its more frequent failures, that Mark will expect his readers to find the basis, whether by example or by warning, for their own discipleship.

-R. T. France, *The New International Greek Testament Commentary: Mark*

CALL OF JESUS: Jesus was unique in His day in so many respects. He called people to *follow Him!* This is still the invitation today!

CONVERSION TO COMPULSION: What happened to these fishermen? They became followers of Jesus and fishers of people!

COMMUNITY CASTING: As followers of Jesus, we cast nets *together!*