**Mark 1: 9-20**

**“Following the Fisherman”**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever been made to do something you did not want to? Did you appreciate doing it after you were finished?
2. Have you been baptized? If so, tell the story. If not, do you plan to?
3. Read the passage from Sunday, Mark 1:9-20. Talk about some things you learned from the sermon.
4. God empowers us for ministry by His Spirit. How has He empowered you? What gifts of the Spirit do you have? For a list of the gifts check out: Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 4:11-13.
5. Share a time of testing that you have experienced. How did this shape your faith?
6. Why does God use the “wilderness” as a training ground?
7. What do we learn from 1:18 and 1:20 about the nature of following Jesus?
8. What good thing is God asking you to leave behind so that you can follow the Fisherman? Family? Career? Money? Time? Self? Kids?
9. How can you more fully enter into a community of discipleship with other believers?