

Further Study – February 28, 2021

Read: Matthew 4:12-25

If you heard the sermon this week, was there any part of the message or scripture passage that was particularly important or meaningful to you? If so, what?

Understanding Questions:

- Why did Jesus make his home in Capernaum after John the Baptist's arrest? How did this fulfill Isaiah's scripture? What message did Jesus proclaim while there?
- Who did Jesus meet while walking by the Sea of Galilee? What were they doing and what did Jesus say to them? How did they respond? Who else did he meet?
- What did Jesus spend his time doing in Galilee? How did the people of Galilee respond to this?

Application Questions:

- Why do you think Peter, Andrew, James, and John left everything and immediately followed Jesus? Can you imagine ever doing something drastic and leaving so much behind based only on Jesus' call alone? Has there ever been a time in the past that you have done so?
- Jesus begins this ministry right after John the Baptist is arrested. What effect do you think this had on him, given that he begins to also preach a similar message of repentance? Has there ever been a time when an unfortunate occurrence spurred you into a new form of ministry?
- How do you interpret Jesus's words: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people?" What does a life of discipleship look like today in Southlake? How is God calling us to be live and be the church in our community here and now?