Sermon Discussion Questions: Mark 1:14-20
October 14th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?

2. What are some ways that you may feel unqualified for the mission of God? Robby mentioned a few possibilities: our rebellious hearts, secret struggles, lack of faith or long list of faults.

3. Christopher Wright in *The Mission of God's People* says "All our mission flows from the prior mission of God…Mission arises from the heart of God himself, and is communicated from his heart to ours. Mission is the global outreach of the global people of a global God.," Read Mark 1:14-15, 17 & 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. What is the mission God is pursuing and how does he invite us to participate in this mission?

4. In the sermon, Robby quoted Henri Nouwen from the book *In the Name of Jesus*. "I am deeply convinced that the Christian leader of the future is called to be completely irrelevant and to stand in this world with nothing to offer but his or her own vulnerable self. That is the way Jesus came to reveal God's love. The great message that we have to carry, as minters of God's Word and followers of Jesus, is that God loves us not because of what we do or accomplish, but because God has created and redeemed us in love and has chosen us to proclaim that love as the true source of all human life," (pg. 30). How does this message of the Gospel enable us to step out in mission even with our ongoing struggles?

5. Read John 4:28-30 & 39-42. After Jesus exposes the Samaritan woman at the well of her various acts of sexual sin and embraces her in love, welcoming her to worship him as Messiah and Savior, she goes out to proclaim the Gospel to her village. How does her testimony of Jesus demonstrate her vulnerable self and Jesus' response to her? What effect did this have in the community?