Follow Me: Becoming a Disciple of Jesus Week 1: "the verse that reframed my faith" Follow-up discussion questions

To begin:

~ have someone read aloud Matthew 4:18-22 & 28:18-20

~ pray and ask God to teach and lead you as a group

Questions to consider together:

- As we listened to these two passages from Matthew, what do we hear Jesus saying?
 - What hits home for you?
 - What stirs a question for you?
- What was something specific from the message this past Sunday that connected with you (encouraged you, challenged you, hit home for you, made you think)? Explain.
- As Scott described his adolescent understanding of the Christian life (i.e. believing and doing the right things), did this connect with your experience? Explain.
- What difference does it make to know that being a disciple means to be with Jesus to learn from Jesus to become like Jesus? How does this impact how we live our lives as Christians? Explain.
- At one point in the message, Scott made the statement that "Many of us don't know what to do with the Great Commission... Our lives are not characterized by making disciples... because we have not truly become disciples ourselves."
 - Does this ring true for you? Explain.
- How have you sought to make the move from being a believer to being a follower?
- Who is someone that you would describe as a disciple of Jesus? Why would you say this? Explain.

- Have you ever approached someone else to help you grow as a disciple? Why or why not? If yes, what did you learn from them? Explain.
- With this understanding of what it means to be a disciple, would you say that you are a disciple? How do you know this?
 - If you answered "no": What do you think is the main thing holding you back? A lack of understanding of what this means? A lack of trust or confidence in Jesus? Or a lack of desire on your part?
 - What do you need to do about this? How could we help one another in this?
- As we look forward to this new series and focus, what stirs in you? Explain.

Conclude by praying together for God to teach and lead us more deeply into the life of discipleship:

"Jesus, you've called us to be your disciples – to live our lives as your followers. Jesus, teach us what this means, and help us to follow."