"Follow Me!': The Battle Cry of Discipleship" (Matthew 4:18–22) GCC, Morning worship, 3/13/22

Introduction-Jesus Calls Ordinary Men, Women, Boys, and Girls

I. Understanding Jesus' Call through Three Lenses

- A. The **Narrow** Lens of Apostleship
- B. The **Broad** Lens of Vocational Ministry
- C. The **Universal** Lens of Christian Discipleship

II. What does it mean that Jesus 'calls' us?

- A. First, to **salvation** (v. 19)
- B. Second, to be disciples
 - 1. The <u>Order</u> of Discipleship: He chooses us, we do not choose him
 - 2. The *Model* of Discipleship: We imitate the *Jesus* that we see in *others*
 - 3. The *Cost* of Discipleship: It will cost you *everything*!
 - a. When Jesus called, they left *habits*, *possessions*, and *family*
 - b. He compensates for our losses in the *eschaton* (Matt. 19:27–30)
- C. Third, to **make disciples** (v. 19)
 - 1. <u>THAT</u> we should share the gospel is clear. <u>HOW</u> we should share the gospel varies from person to person and from season to season

III. Application

- 1. Be *realistic* in your evangelism and discipleship expectations
- 2. Don't *misinterpret* your season in life
- 3. Don't *waste* your season in life
 - a. If youth, don't waste it
 - b. If wisdom and time, don't squander it.
 - c. If money, steward it well