The Life Challenge

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WARM-UP

Share about one of the most memorable invitations you have received in life?

- What was the invitation?
- Who extended the invitation?
- What made the invitation so special to you?

DISCUSSION

The following passages all contain Jesus' "Follow Me" invitation. Read each and discuss what you notice about Jesus' use of this invitation.

- Read Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 8:18-22; Matthew 16:24-27; Matthew 19:16-24
- Who is he inviting?
- What is he inviting people to?
- What does accepting the invitation mean?

Matthew 5-7 contains Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount. Skim through it and, as a group, create a list of the "topics" Jesus covers, and in a phrase or two, summarize what Jesus says about each "topic".

Read Matthew 7:24-27. These are Jesus closing words to the Sermon on the Mount.

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As you read this ending to Jesus sermon, what does Jesus expect people will do with what he's just said?

- Is this interesting information to file away for a rainy day?
- Is this Jesus describing a way of living that he knows people can't live up to?
- What does Jesus expect people to do with what they've heard?

If people follow through on what Jesus calls them to in these verses, what does he indicate the outcome would be?

- (Move beyond the metaphor and think about what the metaphor means for our everyday life)

If people DON'T follow through on what Jesus calls them to in these verses, what does he indicate the outcome would be?

- (Move beyond the metaphor and think about what the metaphor means for our everyday life)

From the list you made of the topics covered in the Sermon on the Mount, which do you find personally most challenging to obey given what Jesus says about it?