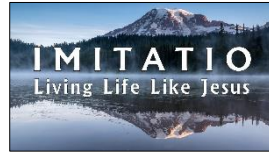


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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- Who were your role models, or whom did you look up to when you were younger? How did you try to be like them?
- Read Matthew 4:18-22. Using all five senses, how would you describe this scene? Who was there and what happens?
- What must Jesus' inaugural disciples leave behind in order to follow him? What will following Jesus entail for them?
- How does Jesus still meet people where they are at? How does following Jesus still require leaving things behind?
- Throughout the centuries, how have followers of Jesus sought to imitate Jesus, to become more like him? How important is it for Christ's followers today to pursue Christ-likeness?
- What roles do both grace and faith play in our imitation of Christ, or the *imitatio Christi*? What might that look like in practice?
- What do you personally admire about Jesus? What is it about Jesus that makes you want to follow him and even imitate him?
- How might your life change if you were to imitate Jesus more?
- What is something about Jesus' life that you would like to begin or increasingly incorporate into your own life? What is one thing you can do this week to imitate Christ's pattern for living? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.