



## Sermon Questions

Date: *September 18, 2022* | Scripture: Mark 1:16-45

1. Read the passages from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Jesus calls his disciples to follow him, and that comes with immediately leaving all else behind. That is no small request and no small decision, but following Jesus demands nothing less. Is there an area of your life you are reluctant to follow Jesus? With your wealth? Career? Kids? Health?
3. When you hear the word “authority,” what does that stir in you? Positive or negative connotation? What does it mean for Jesus to teach with authority?
4. In the last story in this passage, Jesus heals a man with leprosy. He not only restores his health, but he enters into his “uncleanness” to restore him from being a social outcast. Jesus restores the ugliest, most off-putting, isolating, “unclean” parts of us. In what way has Jesus made you clean? What ugly parts of your life has Jesus restored?
5. What do you make of the “messianic secret,” the repeated demand of Jesus to those he heals that they tell no one what he’s done, and his repeated silencing of demons? What is Jesus thinking with this?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

6. Jesus invites all his followers to be fishers of men and women, rescuing them from chaotic waters and pulling them up to Christ. How can you join Jesus’ call to fish men and women? Where are you gifted in sharing the gospel? Where do you struggle to share your faith? How might you grow in this area of life?

### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:1-10
- Psalm 147
- Isaiah 43:1-3
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 2:37-41
- Revelation 21:1-4

*Serve*: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

*Pray* for our students ministries staff and the students they minister to as the school year picks up again.

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons’ Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

