

MARK

Mark 1:16 →

Our approach each week will be REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize). In this series, however, we won't wait to document the 'apply' and 'personalize' until the end of the lesson. As we see them, we'll capture them.

Read: Mark 1

Explain: Mark 1:16 →

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some questions.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Five new characters are introduced—and the rest of the Scripture has much to say about them.

Fishing is introduced—a concept referred to many times in the New Testament, but also in the Old Testament ([Genesis 1:26](#); [9:1-3](#); [Numbers 11:5](#); [1 Kings 4:29-34](#); [Nehemiah 3:3](#); [Psalm 8](#)).

What do the words mean?

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Jesus Calls the First Disciples

16 Passing [G3855: παράγω; *parago*; masculine singular nominative **present participle active**; 1. to lead near 2. (reflexively or intransitively) to go along or away; occurs in [1:16](#); [2:14](#); [15:21](#)] **alongside the Sea of Galilee** [G1056: Γαλιλαία; *Galilaia*; 1. known as the heathen circle 2. Galiloea, a **region of Israel**; occurs 12 times in [Mark](#)], **he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen** [G231: ἄλιεύς; *halieus*; 1. a **sailor** (as engaged on the salt water) 2. (by implication) a fisher; occurs in [1:16](#); [1:17](#)]. **17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow** [G1205: δεῦτε; *deute*; 2nd plural present **imperative active**; 1. **come hither!**; occurs in [1:17](#); [6:31](#); [12:7](#)] [[G3694](#): ὀπίσω; *opiso*; 1. **to the back**, i.e. aback; occurs in [1:7](#); [1:17](#); [1:20](#); [8:33](#); [8:34](#); [13:16](#)] **me, and I will make you become fishers of men."**^[f] **18 And immediately they left their nets and followed** [G190: ἀκολουθέω; *akoloutheo*; 3rd plural aorist indicative active; 1. (properly) to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany 2. (specially) **to accompany as a disciple**; occurs 16 times in [Mark](#)] **him. 19 And going** [G4260: προβαίνω; *probaino*; masculine singular nominative 2nd **aorist participle active**; 1. to walk forward 2. (literally) to advance 3. (of age) to age in years; occurs in [1:19](#)] **on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.**

Footnote: f. [Mark 1:17](#) The Greek word *anthropoi* refers here to both men and women

Recommended resource: 12 Apostolic Men (OurSundaySchool.com)

Apply (What is the point?)

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

Our schedule plan

Next week we'll start with **Mark 1:_____**, and we'll go until we're finished.

Homework

1. Pray for help in understanding **Mark**
2. Hear **Mark** multiple times
3. Think about **Mark** often (day and night)
4. Talk with someone (dead or alive) about **Mark**
5. Share your insights about **Mark**
6. Invite a member and a non-member

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