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Date: Sunday 18 February 2018

Title: Follow

Reading: Matthew 4:18-25

NOTES

1. Build your own NOSTALGIA wall. Why have you included what you have put on it? How does nostalgia cause us to love what has been before more than what is coming?
2. THE COMPELLING CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS: See Luke 5:1-11 for more background. What do you think were the reasons why Peter, Andrew, James and John left everything and followed? Why did the crowd follow Jesus? (Matthew 4:23-25) Why did you start following Jesus? Has there been anything that stopped you 'leaving everything'?
3. THE CHALLENGING CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS: In Matthew 17:1-8, Peter wanted to stay on the mountain. In John 6:60-69, Peter had to decide again to follow. Have you had moments when you have wanted to stay 'up the mountain' or 'turn back and no longer follow Jesus'? Why did Peter respond to the call to follow again? Does that help you to continue to follow?
4. THE COURAGEOUS CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS: In Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit came, Peter and the others had another opportunity to follow. What 'upper rooms' can we get attached to? Why do you think they responded straightaway? What had changed in their understanding of the call to follow? Had they finally learnt to love what was to come more than what had been so far? Have you?