

24 January 2021

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus calls us to follow him.

verse for the week

'Come follow me',
Jesus said, "and
I will make you
fish for people."

MARK 1:17

Caring Conversations

share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

What is the
difference
between being a
leader and being
a follower?
In what ways are
you a leader? In
what ways are
you a follower?

2

What did
Simon, Andrew,
James and
John give up to
follow Jesus?
How do you
think they felt?

3

What does it
mean to be a
'fisher of people'?

Devotions

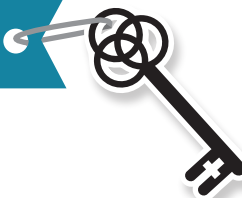


Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls disciples
M	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Jonah goes to Nineveh
T	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Live without anxiety in daily life
W	Genesis 12:1-9	God calls Abram
T	Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints the twelve
F	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Live the life assigned to you
S	Psalms 62:5-10	God is powerful and kind
S	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus casts out an evil spirit

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you
call us. Thank
you for your love
that gives us the
courage and the
faith to follow you.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God be
your King and
help you to
follow his Son.

Creative Response



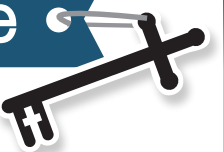
For many centuries the fish has been an important Christian symbol. In the time of the early church, it was dangerous to be known as a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire; so believers developed a "code language" to reveal their faith to other Christians. A Christian would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other person was a Christian they would recognise this and add a second curved line to complete the drawing of a fish.

- Make a list of names (perhaps in the shape of a fish!) of people you know who do not know Jesus. Pray for them.
- Go on a "chalk walk" in your local community. Use chalk to draw the fish symbol on footpaths in your neighbourhood. When you do so, pray for the people who work or live nearby, that they may live with faith in Jesus.
- Come up with your own household "code language" to symbolise your faith in Jesus.
- Pray for those who live where it is dangerous to be a Christian.

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Come spirit of God and make this food sweet. Give
strength to our hands and guide our feet. Amen.

Service



On Australia Day
various official
honours and awards
are given to citizens
who serve in their
communities and
country.

Think of someone in
your community or
congregation whom
you admire for their
service to others.
Make them a thank
you card to show your
appreciation.