

Student's Study Guide for Cell Groups

Subject: It Takes Team Work for the Dream to Work

Scripture: **Mark 1:16-28** - 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him. 19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. 21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, 24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!" 25 "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" 26 The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching — and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Objective: **Goal:** To encourage you to discover your dream and find a team of people to help you make it become a reality. **Challenge:** If you have a large dream, you will need fine, recruit and train a large team. **Benefit:** Your dream will become a reality. God will be able to do great things through you and your team.

II. THE EXPOSITION OF THE TEXT - Last week we ended the message by talking about the message of Jesus (Mark 1:9-15). This week we want to look at His first four disciples and His power of a demon (Mark 1:16-28).

A. Jesus Calls Four Disciples (Vs. 16-20).

1. Sole Proprietorship - Simon and Andrew (Vs. 16-18). They were in business by themselves and for themselves.

a. Their Old Occupation (V. 16). 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

b. Their New Vocation (Vs. 17-18). 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

Did Andrew and Simon make an impulsive decision?

2. **Partnership** - James and John (Vs. 19-20). They were in business for themselves but they employed others to help them.

a. Their **Career** (V. 19). *19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.*

b. Their **Calling** (V. 20). *20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (NIV)*

Did their career as fishermen prepare them for their calling?

Would you be willing to give up your career in order to follow your calling? Do see your current career as your calling?

B. Jesus **Casts** Out One **Demon** (Vs. 21-28).

1. The **Location** (V. 21). *21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.*

In what ways are synagogues similar to churches today?

2. The **Explanation** (V. 22). *22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.*

Jesus taught independently without appealing to previous authorizes, whereas the scribes only repeated what others had said. Both the substance and the manner of the Lord's teaching differed from that of the official interpreters of the Law. (Spirit Filled Life Bible, P. 1403)

Jesus didn't need to quote the rabbis or other sources because He had divine authority as the Son of God. What's our authority today?

3. The **Demonstration** (Vs. 23-28).

a. The **Recognition** of the Demon (Vs. 23-24). *23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, 24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!"*

Are there demons today or people just have mental problems?

b. The **Rebuke** of Jesus to the Demon (Vs. 25). 25 "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!"

c. The **Response** of the Demon (V. 26). 26 The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Do we have power to cast out demons today?

d. The **Reaction** of the People (Vs. 27-28). 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching — and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. (NIV)

How do we drive out a demon?

III. CLOSE – Since it takes team work for the dream to work, who's on your team? Is Jesus on your team? If not, accept Him today!

Application

1. We must be willing to make sacrifices in order to follow Jesus.
2. God will supply our needs and take care of family if we obey Him.
3. Demons are real and they will possess and harass people.
4. We have power and authority over Satan and his demons.

We are growing **Warmer** through **Fellowship**, **Deeper** through **Discipleship**, **Stronger** through **Worship**, **Broader** through **Ministry**, **Larger** through **Evangelism**, **Healthier** and **Wealthier** through **Stewardship**. (Acts 2:41-47)