

## SUNDAY LENTEN SERMON SERIES

# Answering THE Call

As we look toward the cross in the season of Lent, we will explore the many ways God calls us, and how we are called together to respond faithfully, resting in the promises of eternal life with Christ.

### February 26 • You Are Called

Like Peter, God has jumped into the boat with us as Jesus calls us to cast out our nets and to follow Christ. The question is, do we continue to throw our nets on the wrong side of the boat or do we drop our nets completely and see that God has called YOU for much more than just catching fish. *1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Luke 5:1-11*

### March 5 • Called to be Followers of Jesus

We look at the world and get consumed by the busyness and the chaos that is all around us and we take on the responsibility to try and fix it all. We try to become the savior, the hero, the one who fixes the problems. But that is not at all what being called as a follower of Christ is all about. We are called to first sit at the feet of Christ. It is at Jesus' feet that we realize our holiness and belovedness, which then allows us to respond to God's call faithfully. *Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 10:38-42*

### March 12 • Called Away

Callings can be challenging to discern. Often, when God calls it is not clear, or it might be a call towards something different or uncomfortable. These callings force us to rely on trusting God more than most other calls in our lives because there is no clear outcome of what is to come next. Being called away is like being called to trust in the One

who gives life, creates and provides when it seems like there is only death, an end and nothing. Grief might be the only way through, but new life is always on the other side of death. *Genesis 12:1-9, Mark 1:16-20*

### March 19 • Called As You Are

Quite possibly the deepest truth you can recognize about yourself is the uniqueness that God has created you to be and remembering that God created you just as you are in all God's perfect ways. Even when we might feel as though God can do nothing with us, that is precisely when God calls us as we are. Jesus finds the lowly sinners and the outcasts, and it is those who He calls to not only follow Him but to help show how the kingdom of God is at hand. *2 Corinthians 12:8-10, Matthew 9:9-13*

### March 26 • How God Calls

God's call doesn't come through as a booming voice or a flash of light but instead through the people we surround ourselves with in community. It might not always be as clear as a burning bush, but God is calling you through the voices of others, through the silent and still moments of prayer, and through the hurts and pains of the world. God calls us into deep discernment communally to hear that call as followers of Christ, responding faithfully and boldly. *Exodus 3:1-6, John 1:43-51, Acts 1:15-26*

### April 2 (Palm Sunday) • Called to Suffer

Following Jesus is not always easy. The reality of sin in the world means that pain and suffering remain, too. While God does not create pain and suffering, callings from God may lead us to places of suffering because of sin in the world. Despite the suffering we may endure, we live in the trust and hope of the resurrection of the dead knowing that if God has called, God remains with us. God pulls us through because God has been there, knows our suffering, and has defeated the sin that brings about the suffering. *Psalms 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11*

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