



## CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Don't forget Large Group is this Sunday!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

## SCRIPTURE:

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. - **Matthew 4:18-22**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. -**Acts 2:42-47**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. -**Galatians 5:22-23**

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. -**Ephesians 2:8-9**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why do you think Peter, Andrew, James, and John immediately left everything to follow Jesus? What would it take for you to drop everything and follow someone today?
- Jesus' followers immersed themselves in his way of life. How do worship, prayer, scripture, community, and acts of service help us experience life with God today?
- Transformation takes time. Have you ever tried to “fix” yourself or someone else? What would it look like to trust God's work in your transformation instead?

## DID YOU KNOW?

John Wesley's *Means of Grace* are practices through which believers experience and grow in God's grace. He categorized them into Works of Piety (prayer, scripture, worship, fasting, and communion) and Works of Mercy (acts of compassion and justice). Unlike Catholic sacramental theology, which sees grace as imparted through sacraments, or Reformation theology, which emphasizes faith alone, Wesley believed grace is freely given but received through active participation. The Means of Grace are central to Wesley's doctrine of sanctification, guiding believers from justification (being made right with God) to Christian perfection (a life fully immersed in love). He warned against both legalism (thinking these practices earn salvation) and spiritual complacency (neglecting them altogether). By engaging in these means, believers open themselves to God's transforming work, growing in holiness and love.