

Jesus Is Calling

John 1:35-45

Jesus as Author—**beginning**, creator, and source

Jesus as Perfecter—completion, **fulfillment**, and end.

“Looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith...” –Hebrews 12:2

The entire Christian life (beginning to end) is a response to the **Call** of Jesus.

1. Jesus calls us to **Life**.

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created:” –Colossians 1:15-16

- In **Creation**, Jesus calls us into being.

“Let us make man in our image, in our likeness,” –Genesis 1:16

- In **Redemption**, Jesus calls us to **new** life.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” —John 1:43

Where does the call of Jesus take place?

Sunday School class, witness of another, revival service, Holy Spirit conference, VBS, Summer Camp, or retreat...

Where did Jesus' call come to you _____?

Fill in for yourself

Great Opportunity—Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames, March 18-20.

You may help others hear God's call.

F—**friends**

R—relatives

A—**associates**

N—neighbors

2. Jesus Calls us to **Serve**.

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” –John 1:41

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found...Jesus of Nazareth," —John 1:44-5

The natural and immediate response: **Go and tell** someone else.

"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." —Mark 1:17

Our calling to serve the Lord, is first and foremost a call be **with** Christ.

"Come," he replied, "and you will see." —John 1:39

Out of our relationship *with* Christ, we serve, **bear fruit**, and catch men/women.

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing." —John 15:5

Heaven's Gates is **Not** our goal and vision.

Jesus Christ is our goal, our hope, our vision, our Lord, our Life.

Vision is to make passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ.

Heaven's Gates is a wonderful **opportunity**.

1. To hear the call of Jesus, saying, "Come unto me." "I love you."
2. To serve the Lord by inviting others to Jesus.

Do not miss this wonderful move of God.

3. Jesus Calls us to **Heaven/Himself**.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. —John 14:3

First Priority Questions of life:

- **Why** was I born?
- Is there **meaning** to my life?
- **What** happens when I die?

Memory Verse:

⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.
—John 1:41-2