**Small Group Notes and Questions Sunday 5th Feb The Call of the Disciples**

Intro

What is one of the most challenging or life changing decisions you have taken?

What was the basis forf that decision?

How did youi describe that decision to close friends and family?

Read Mark 1 v 9-28

How might Peter have described his decision to leave his fishing boat to his family members?

1. **The Disciples saw the authority of Jesus**

How would you define authority? – One dictionary definition dedscribes its as the power or right to give orders, make decisions and enforce obedience

How do you think Jesus authority compares with that?

Let’s remind ourselves of verses that describe Jesus authority

Mark 1 v 15, v 21-28; Luke 4 v 31-36; Mark 5 v 35-42; Matthew 8 v 26,27; Mark 2 v 8-12

Read Mark 2 v 13 -17 Why might Levi ( Matthew) and his friends have been so ready to respond?

What was Zaccheus’ response to the good news Luke 19 v 1-10

Might we let ourselves imagine similar responses to Jesus good news today? Are we willing to desire and pray for revival

What might revival entail for our community and for our country?

ii) **The Disciples gave up their authority**

Jesus does not offer easy discipleship

Remind each other of the following;

Matthew 8 v 20; 10 v 37; Mark 10 v 17-27 ; Luke 9 v 59-62 ; Mark 8 v 34-37

What are the day to day obstacles to our own discipleship today ? Which areas can the group pray for each other?

iii) **The disciples received authority**

Mark 1 v 16; Mark 6 v 6-12; Matthew 10 v 10-27 Matthew 28 18-20

What authority was given to the disciples?

What was Jesus accompanying promise?

Read Luke 5 v 1-11

How is the call of the disciples and the miraculous catch linked?

Where were the disciples instructed to go v 4

Where might deeper water represent for us individually and as a church?

Who are the partners who might help us to bring in the catch?

Jeff Lucas writes that the primary calling of Jesus’ team was to be with him rather than to do things for him

Read Zech 4 v 6

How might the fact that success is not down to us release or relax us to be more adventurous in evangelism

Jeff Lucas writes again

“ Lets do what God asks us to do today and then let him do what only he can do. Seemingly insignificant moments of kindness revolutionalise lives, A sentence or two about God becomes a lighthouse to a storm sick traveller. Small seeds grow into great trees. It’s by his Spirit not by our sweat”

How might Andrew have reflected, after the event, on the opportunity of being a disciple?

Are we able in the same way to say what an opportunity.

“We are not called to make waves but rather like Jesus himself , we are invited to surf the waves the Father makes”.