"Follow Me!"

- I. The first invitation of Jesus was to come and <u>investigate!</u>
 (John 1:35-42)
 - a. Jesus did not fear investigation
 - b. Some were repelled by his claim of Lordship
 - c. Those who investigated Jesus were drawn to him
- 2. The second call of Jesus was to come and <u>imitate!</u>
 (Mark 1:14-20)
 - a. Following Jesus means leaving some things behind
 - b. Following Jesus means accepting new responsibilities
- 3. There is wisdom in following Christ. (Prov. 8 and John 10:10)
 - a. Jesus is the author and sustainer of life
 - b. Jesus is the smartest man to ever live

For Further Study:

- "Spirit of the Disciplines" by Dallas Willard
- "Divine Conspiracy" by Dallas Willard
- "Renovation of the Heart" by Dallas Willard
- "Pilgrims Progress" by John Bunyan
- "Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonheoffer
- "Pursuit of God" by AW Tozer

Cell Group Questions:

- I. What did your time of investigating Christ look like?
- 2. How did you decide to become a follower of his?
- 3. Do you feel that following Jesus has made you "skilled at living life?"
- 4. Do you think Christians are known for wise and intelligent living? (See acts 4:13) Why or why not?
- 5. How are specifically and intentionally striving to become more and more like Christ?