



Growing FAITH at home

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THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

JESUS CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. If you wanted to go fishing what kinds of things would you need?
2. Share about a time when you went fishing.



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

No more despair

2nd reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A church divided
over leaders

Gospel reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus calls his first disciples

DISCUSS

When Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John to follow him they immediately left their work as fishermen and followed (Matthew 4:18,21). Why do you think they did this? How do you think they felt?



ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus calls all his followers to 'fish for people'. One way we do so is through prayer – by praying for specific people that don't yet know Jesus, and for specific missionaries and mission activities. Hang a string or a cord between two points in your home and attach small hooks to it. Cut out fish shapes from card or paper and write the name of a person you can pray for. Attach the 'fish' to the hooks and use your 'fishing line' as a visible reminder to pray.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God bless this food. God bless our day. Keep us safe in every way. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, turn our darkness into light. Fill our hearts with faith, hope and love. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and feet that are ready to follow him.

"COME. FOLLOW ME,"
JESUS SAID. "I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF PEOPLE."

MATTHEW 4:19

VERSE OF THE WEEK

