

01-25-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"We...need to stay alert so that when our savior calls, we can respond, act, and change what we need to change immediately. Like a fisherman waiting by the water, we can never allow the waiting seasons of our lives to cause us to forget that the waiting is preparation for the change that is to come."

Hannah Adair Bonner



Matthew 4:12-23

Questions for Reflection —

- How have times of waiting and change resulted in your spiritual growth? In general do you welcome change or do you tend to be resistant? Why is that? What do you need in order to take the time to pause and listen? What spiritual practices help you to notice God's callings? What will help you to be willing to move beyond your comfort zone for the sake of responding to Jesus' call in your life? What might you need to put aside in order to do so?

- What new situations and realities are presently arising for you? What will give you the courage to change and take action when/if the call of God feels disruptive to the routines of your life? What new things seem to be arising for our congregation? Does any of it feel disruptive? In what way? Of what might we need to let go so that we can more fully engage in God's work of healing the world?

- How would you define what it means to repent? How frequently do you engage practices of confession and repentance in your own devotional life? In what ways are you in need of reordering of priorities? What gets in the way of your embracing and manifesting God's kingdom values in how you live? What will help you to realign your motivations and actions with the teachings of Jesus?

Daily Household Prayer

God of love, our eyes are on the nets of our work. Open them to receive your call.
Our hands are on the worn, familiar wood of the boats of our lives. Open them to reach for you.
We are casting our nets into the riches of this world.
May we cast the nets of our hearts into the deep sea of your grace.
May all of our work, and all of our lives, become one with your work of the healing of the world,
in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen