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Week 10 – CALLING OF THE TWELVE (Luke 5:1-11, 27-32, pp. 75-81)

As we read and studied the call of the Twelve, two themes appeared repeatedly in our devotions.

First we were reminded that the call of Christ is a **personal call** for each of us. In the waters of Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and the Word of Absolution, Christ personally comes to you to forgive your sins and give you life. It is **for you**. But it is not ONLY for you. It is also for those whom God has given to you to love and to serve.

That's the second theme we saw repeatedly: **mentorship**. The disciples were not only saved by Christ, but also mentored and formed by Him. They, in turn, mentored and disciplined others. And we, too, are called to **make disciples**.

Name the disciples that Jesus called in this week's reading.

What were their occupations? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 1:27. **Why did God choose these men instead of the religious leaders of the day?** _____

God's work in Christ is not distant and impersonal. Rather, it is for you. **How did Peter encounter this "personal Christ" in the boat?**

How do you personally encounter Christ each day? _____

How does your personal encounter with Christ affect your daily life?

"The passing down of faith from generation to generation and the task of leading the church is a vital part of our faith and heritage." (CFM, p. 79)

"We are called to train and mentor others in the ways of God, just as the prophets, apostles, and early church leaders did before us." (CFM, p. 79)

Read Ephesians 4:14-16 **What is the goal of discipleship / Christian mentorship?** _____

Who are the people God has called you to mentor?

At home: _____

In the Church: _____

In the Community: _____

To fish in the daytime is folly...but that's what Jesus called Peter to do.

What doubts or fears prevent you from listening to Christ's call to be "a fisher of men?" _____

How can you grow in your practice of mentoring the next generation of Christian men and women? _____

For Next Time:

Week 11 – THE SERMON on the MOUNT, PART I (Mt 5:1-16, pp. 83-89)