*** MESSAGE NOTES**



MARKING THE PATH: Week 2 - Leave A Mark

"Think of an idea that will change the world for the better and then take action on that idea."

As He went along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net into the sea (for they were fishermen). Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will turn you into fishers of people!" They left their nets immediately and followed Him. Going on a little farther, He saw James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother in their boat mending nets. Immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed Him. ~ Mark 1:16-20

So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, continue working out your salvation with awe and reverence, for the one bringing forth in you both the desire and the effort—for the sake of his good pleasure—is God. ~ Philippians 2:12-13

About that time King Herod laid hands on some from the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, executed with a sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter too... ~ Acts 12:1-3a

... [A mob] set the city in an uproar. They attacked Jason's house, trying to find Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly. When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, screaming, "These people who have stirred up trouble throughout the world have come here too, and Jason has welcomed them as guests! They are all acting against Caesar's decrees, saying there is another king named Jesus!" ~ Acts 17:5-7

THREE THINGS GOD IS CALLING EACH OF US TO DO

God is calling you to commit your life to fully follow Jesus Christ.
Change your world for Christ.

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue but in deed and truth. ~ 1 John 3:18

The smallest good deed still outweighs the largest good intention.

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1) God is calling you to commit your life to fully follow Jesus Christ.

2) Change your world for Christ.

3) Coordinate your actions with Christ.

So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away—look, what is new has come! ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

When it was already late, His disciples came to him and said, "This is an isolated place and it is already very late. Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But He answered them, "You give them something to eat."... ~ Mark 6:35-37a

THREE COMMITMENT CHALLENGES FOR TODAY

- 1) Become a fully devoted follower of Jesus.
- 2) Take Our Membership Class.
- 3) Join an Aloha Group and Join a Strategic Service Team.

They were devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Reverential awe came over everyone, and many wonders and miraculous signs came about by the apostles. All who believed were together and held everything in common, and they began selling their property and possessions and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need. Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved. ~ Acts 2:42-47

♦ DIVE IN!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
- 2) Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?
- READ: Philippians 2:12-13 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 - 1) What does it mean to **CONTINUE** to "work out your salvation with awe and reverence?"
 - 2) How is God bringing you the "desire" and the "effort" to do this?
- READ: Acts 12:1-3a and Acts 17:5-7 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 - 1) Why do you think "some" or "certain" Christians were attacked and persecuted first? What was it about them that got the attention of those who were threatened by them?
 - 2) If someone showed up here to begin arresting and killing people for being a Christian, how quickly would they zero in on you? How much of a threat are you to the kingdom of darkness? What kind of mark have you been leaving?

READ: Mark 6:35-37a and Acts 2:42-47 **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Does Jesus' command "you give them something to eat" still apply to Christians today? In what way?
- 2) How do the actions of the first churching Acts 2 speak to obeying this command Jesus gave to the twelve in Mark 6?