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Metaphors for Discipleship

Matthew 4:18-20; 1 Corinthians 3:5-15; Galatians 4:4-7

Jesus' fishing metaphor for Christian discipleship emphasizes our central calling in this life: _____ who make disciples.

Discussion 1. For you, what is the single biggest obstacle to your being more of a "fisher of men"? What steps are most likely to help you overcome that obstacle?

The gardening metaphor for discipleship helps us understand the _____ role leaders play in our spiritual growth versus the direct _____ role of the Spirit.

Discussion 2. Why is it dangerous to look to any particular pastor, teacher, or other leader to be responsible for growing me up spiritually? How does the gardening metaphor help us keep the right perspective in that regard?

Thinking of discipleship as building a building, we should take great care in how we build; we should not build the way the world builds. We have much more _____ for building.

Discussion 3. Thinking of discipleship as building a building, what are some common, everyday, materials the world uses to build community? What are some examples of precious or extraordinary materials we have access to?

The "heirship" metaphor for Christian discipleship reminds us that we did nothing at all to earn our adoption as children of the King, but we do have a responsibility to _____ our _____ accordingly in order to carry God's family crest.

Discussion 4. What are some specific ways we might need to adjust our mindset in order to responsibly carry God's family crest as His children? If our salvation is secure, then why does it matter that we carry God's name responsibly?