



## Small Group Questions

Read: Mark 1:14–20 and Luke 4:16–21

1. When have you had to make a special announcement in your life, and how did it go? (i.e. School acceptance, engagement, pregnancy,)
2. The gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) all capture slightly different announcements of Jesus' ministry depending on the audience. Did you do that too?
3. One scholar has called Mark the "gospel of freedom," and Luke the "gospel of hospitality". Where do those themes show up in the short passages for this study? Why are both important?
4. As you think deeply about these passages, how are freedom and hospitality related? How can they come together in the life of the church in interesting ways?
5. Thinking a little more deeply, what role do you see here in these passages for humans?
6. How do the themes of **Freedom** and **Hospitality** come together in this year's emphasis to "Love Local?"
7. The title of the sermon last Sunday was, "First, Be Second." How does that title fit the texts for today, and what does that mean to you? When Jesus says, "Follow me," what does that mean?
8. Describe a person who is indeed following Jesus; what about their spirituality can you seek to emulate this week?

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## First Pres Boulder Small Group Values

### Commitment

Regular participation is vital to small group health. Prioritize your time together this fall. Come ready to share. Listen to the sermon before you meet. Let your group know if you can't make it.

### Openness to Newcomers

Small Groups are a great place to welcome new visitors into our church family and to (re) introduce someone to God, Scripture, and Christian community. Make space for others to join your group and consider who you might invite to join you.

### Love

Encourage one another. Pray together. Extend grace. Speak truth. Don't try to "fix" one another. Do everything you can to love one another well.

### Outward Focus

Scripture is meant to shape our whole lives. Expect transformation. Ask follow-up questions of one another. Live out what you are learning while you are away from one another. Consider doing something (LOVE LOCAL) together to serve people who are not part of your Small Group.