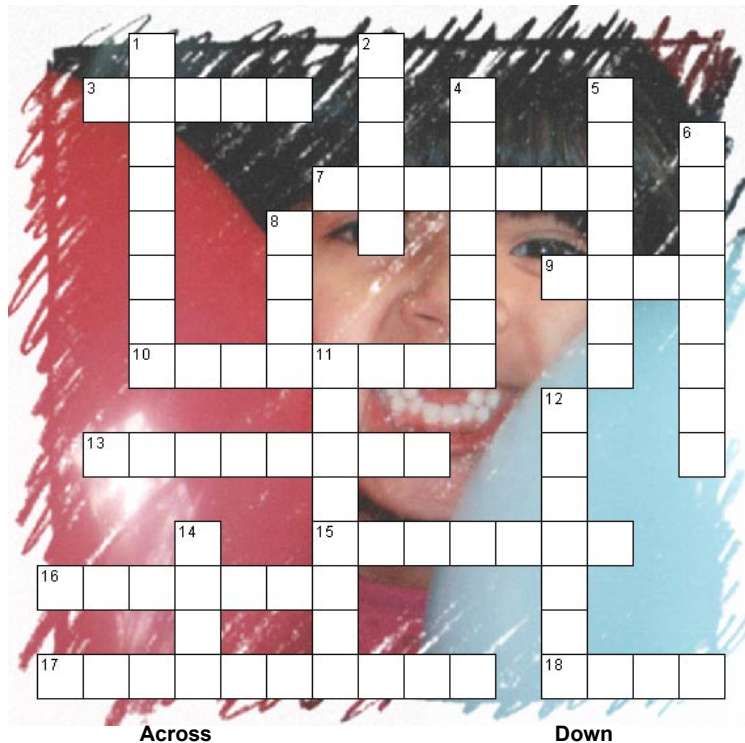


Crossword Puzzle

God's Calling in the New Testament

- Lesson Three -

In the Gospels – James and John

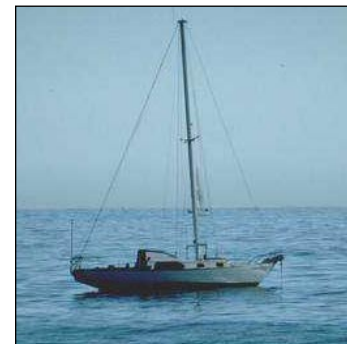


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| 3. The Jordan _____. | 1. ...into Galilee to begin His _____. |
| 7. James and John probably had bad _____. | 2. _____ and John. |
| 9. Jesus found them mending their _____. | 4. John the _____. |
| 10. John was probably the _____ disciple that the Lord called. | 5. John wrote one _____. |
| 13. They were _____ in fishing... | 6. John wrote three _____. |
| 15. Sons of _____. | 8. James and _____. |
| 16. James and John lived in _____. | 11. James and John argued about which of them was the _____. |
| 17. John wrote the book of _____. | 12. They were partners and _____. |
| 18. _____ of thunder. | 14. John wrote _____ New Testament books. |

I. Overview.

In the previous lesson we saw the Lord's calling of Andrew and Peter. In this lesson we will consider the Lord's calling of His next two disciples, James and John. Andrew and Peter were cousins to James and John. It is not at all unusual for the Lord to call friends and relatives of ones He has already called. For this reason we should always pray for our friends and relatives.

Like Andrew and Peter, James and John were from Galilee. They were also fishermen, in fact they were partners with Andrew and Peter.



James and John were fishermen like Andrew and Peter.

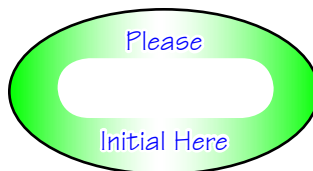
John and Andrew were actually disciples of John the Baptist. This shows that they were very seeking of the Lord. John met the Lord at the Jordan River and spent some time with Him. When the Lord Jesus came to Galilee to call Andrew and Peter, He also called James and John to be His disciples. They both loved the Lord very much and followed Him.

II. Memory Verse.

“And He said to them, Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And immediately, leaving their nets, they followed Him.”

(Matt. 4:19-20)

Parent's Initials:



III. Lesson.

Andrew and Peter had two cousins that lived close to them in Galilee – James and John. They were partners in fishing and also close friends. Andrew and John had left their hometown and had come to the Jordan River because of the preaching of John the Baptist. This indicates that they were real seekers of the Lord. When John the Baptist introduced them to the Lord Jesus, they followed Him.

Calling James and John in Galilee

After the Lord Jesus was baptized and had spent forty days in the wilderness being tempted, He went into Galilee. The Lord went into Galilee to begin His ministry and to find His first few disciples. He first called Andrew and Peter and then He came to their cousins, James and John.

James and John were mending their torn fishing nets when the Lord called them. John was probably the youngest disciple that the Lord called. In their youth, James and John sometimes argued about which of them was the greatest. Once they even asked the Lord (through their mother) if they could sit in a special place with Him in His kingdom. This upset the other ten disciples. The Lord called them the “sons of thunder.” This probably meant that they had bad tempers.



Peter and Andrew were cousins of James and John.

Following the Lord

Even though James and John were young, they were followers of the Lord. They loved the Lord very much and followed Him faithfully. We should not let young age stop us from following the Lord.

James and John followed the Lord faithfully during the whole time of the Lord’s ministry. Even when the Lord indicated to them that they might die because of being His disciples, they still stayed with Him.

John eventually wrote five books in the New Testament. He wrote one gospel, three epistles and the book of Revelation. His faithful service to the Lord resulted in him being a very useful person. We should all strive to be faithful to the Lord’s calling. Our service to the Lord will bring us great enjoyment and reward. We also will be very useful in the Lord’s hand. We are so privileged to be among those whom the Lord has called in the New Testament times.

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. How were James and John related?

2. How were James and John related to Andrew and Peter?

3. What did the Lord call James and John?”

4. How many New Testament books did John write?

