

War Effort: “Basic Training”- Jim Burgen

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Community:

1. Have you ever trained for a race or followed a fitness regiment before? If so, what was it and what did your training look like?
2. Think about the last time you purchased something that you were really happy with. What was it and did you tell others about it?

Core:

1. What is, “*something good*” that you have found in following Jesus? How do you think inviting your friends and loved ones to church (to hopefully experience that goodness) might influence their thoughts on Jesus?
2. **Read Mark 1:16-18.** What stands out to you about Peter and Andrew’s response to Jesus’ proposal? What changed for Peter and Andrew when they decided to follow Jesus?
3. What first comes to mind when you think of the word *disciple*? What do you think about the truth that Jesus considers ALL of His followers a disciple?
4. Jim defined a disciple as “*a person who has chosen to put themselves into a training plan (following Jesus) so that over time, they can become and do in the future what they currently aren’t...and can’t do right now*”. Do you think this definition fits you? Is there something that you want to do in the future (or get better at) when it comes to following Jesus?
5. Do you feel like there are areas in your life where you are just *casting your nets into the sea* (like Peter and Andrew) and getting nothing back—over and over again? If so, where? What do you really desire to be different about that area(s) of your life?
6. As you think about that area(s) of your life, how can it relate to your walk with Jesus—and where is your responsibility in improving it? Where do you believe you can give that extra inch? What do you need Jesus to step in and do in order for it to improve?

Challenge:

This week, think about that person or area of your life that Jim had you write down on a piece of paper at the end of his talk. Take some time to share this with someone or your small group. Share what that person or area of your life is...as well as one intentional step you can take to give “*one more inch*”. Then, take that word or name and post it somewhere you will see everyday (on your desk, in your car or on your mirror) to remind yourself to give that extra inch every day.