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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus lights our way, calling us to follow him.

Sundays after Epiphany

**GREEN** is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

verse for the week

"Come. Follow me," Jesus said. "I will make you fishers of people."

MATTHEW 4:19

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples
M	Isaiah 9:1-4	No more despair
T	Luke 1:67-79	Christ, the light dawning
W	Matthew 9:9-13	Jesus calls Matthew
T	Ephesians 5:6-14	Live as children of the light
F	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	A church divided over leaders
S	Psalms 27:1,4-9	Whom shall I fear
S	Matthew 5:1-12	The sermon on the mount

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, turn our darkness into light. Fill our hearts with faith and hope and love. Amen.

### BLESSING

May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and feet that are ready to follow him.

## Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

When Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John to follow him they immediately left their work as fishermen and followed (Matthew 4:18,21). Why do you think they did this? How do you think they felt?

2

Jesus calls his followers to 'fish for people'. What does he mean?

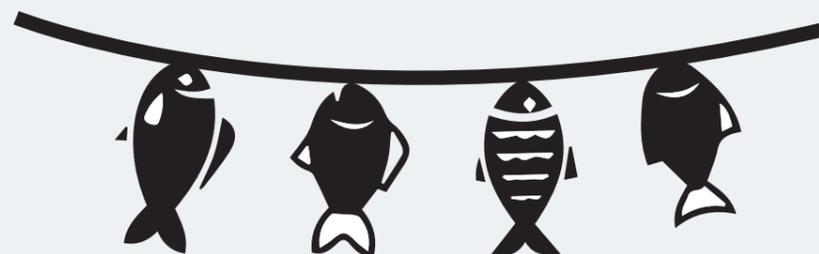


## Creative Response

Jesus calls all his followers to 'fish for people'.

One way we do so is through prayer – by praying for specific people that don't as yet know Jesus, and for specific missionaries and mission activities.

Hang a string or a cord between two points in your home and attach small hooks to it. Cut out fish shapes from card or paper and write the name of a person you can pray for. Attach the 'fish' to the hooks and use your 'fishing line' as a visible reminder to pray.



### mealt ime prayer

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.

## Service



In Psalm 27, we hear King David expressing his heartfelt desire to worship God in the temple all the days of his life (Psalm 27:4)

The way we care for our places of worship reflects our appreciation for God and for the gifts he gives us in worship.

Commit as a household to an act of service to improve the state of your church facility e.g. gardening, window cleaning, painting. Make the needed arrangements for this.