

**Question:** Observe how Jesus “discipled” in Matthew 3:16-4:25 using the model of communion, community and commission and/or the model of knowing, growing and prospering in Psalms 1:1.

*Matthew 3:16* As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. *17* And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

*Matthew 4:1* Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. *2* After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. *3* The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” *4* Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” . . . .

*Matthew 4:18* As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. *19* “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” *20* At once they left their nets and followed him.

*Matthew 4:21* Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

*Matthew 4:22* and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. *23* Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

*Matthew 4:24* News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them. *25* Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.