

## Week 3.

- Have you ever changed direction during the course of your life?
- Read John 1:29-42
- The disciples were going about their everyday business when Jesus called them to follow a new way of life. What did that mean for them?

*Jesus was radical in his teaching. His teaching was totally beyond everyday Jewish experience.*

- Do you see being a Christian as a radical way of living? Why? Why not?
- Has being a Christian changed the way you live? How?
- How might we know that God is asking us to serve him in a new way?
- Jesus' disciples chose a new way of life in deciding to follow Jesus. How might that decision change our lives today?
- We are all called to serve God in a 'general way' such as in praying, witnessing & serving others. Do you know the specific gifts / talents God has given you for use?

Service in the Kingdom of God must bear these hallmarks

*Originate in God*

*Be time / place specific*

*Done in God's way, in keeping with his character*

*Constitute God's will & purposes*

*Be focussed and boundaried.*

[The Way Of Christian Service : Z.T. Fomum : 1990 : ZTFBooks Online (CMF) via Kindle]

### For Personal Reflection:

- Is there something that God may be asking of you? A new way to serve him? Perhaps something specific?
- Close in prayer for one another.



## New Beginnings : New Way

Below are some possible avenues of service:

- Helping in a practical way - mowing, tidying churchyard, serving coffee, moving furniture eg. for lunch club. Helping with the Toddler Group.
- Helping in a spiritual way - praying both privately and corporately for specific church / people issues by joining the Prayer Chain, attending Saturday morning Prayer Meetings, committing time to pray for specific purposes or people.
- Helping in a Pastoral way - visiting those who are lonely, in local Nursing Homes or unable to get out.
- Helping in Church; as a Sidesman, on a Life & Soul Team, Reading the Bible, Leading Intercessions etc.

See the Weekly News Sheet or ask a Churchwarden for lots more opportunities and ways in which to use your specific gifts!

### Recommended Read

**Improving Your Serve : Charles Swindoll : 1981 : Thomas Nelson**

