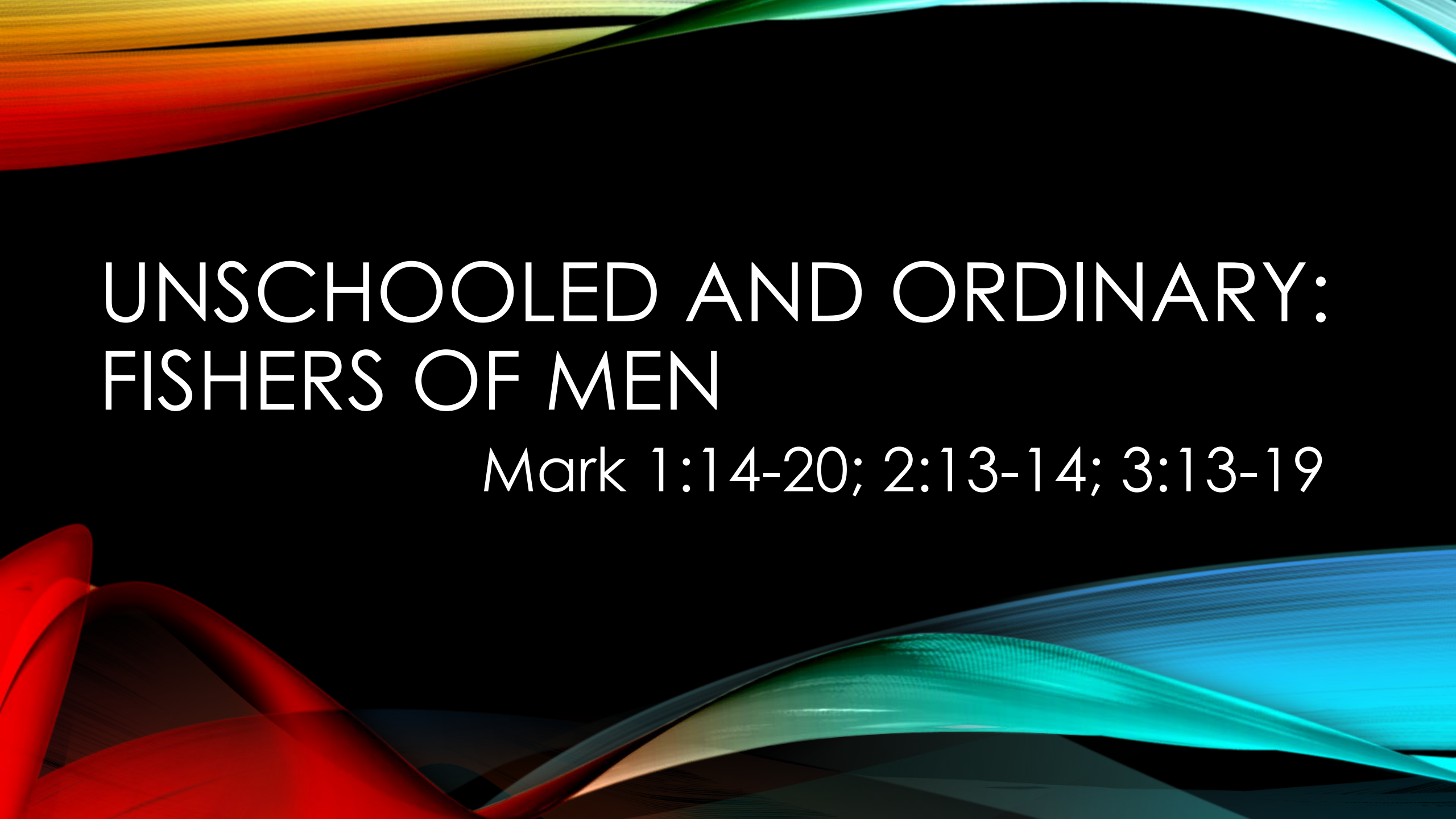




UNSCHOOLED AND ORDINARY: FISHERS OF MEN

Mark 1:14-20; 2:13-14; 3:13-19



1:14-20

“After John...” John the Baptist

“Repent and believe the good news” A call to repentance is a key ingredient in any gospel presentation. This change of mind, borne out of godly sorrow for sin, leads to a change of direction (FROM sin, TO God)



Fishermen doing fishermen things, but they left their nets “at once” to follow Jesus. Obedience without delay.

Simon Peter and brother Andrew receive the call to be fishers of men.

James and John left dad behind in the boat with the hired men. Family business had to wait.

It wasn't that the family business was UNimportant;
it was that Kingdom work is MORE important



2:13-14

Levi (aka Matthew), working at the tax collector's booth, heard the call of Jesus and walked away.

S'pose the Roman government was understanding?
Consider the risk/reward of forsaking the Romans to follow Jesus.

“What risk am I willing to assume
to follow the Savior and do His will?”



3:13-19

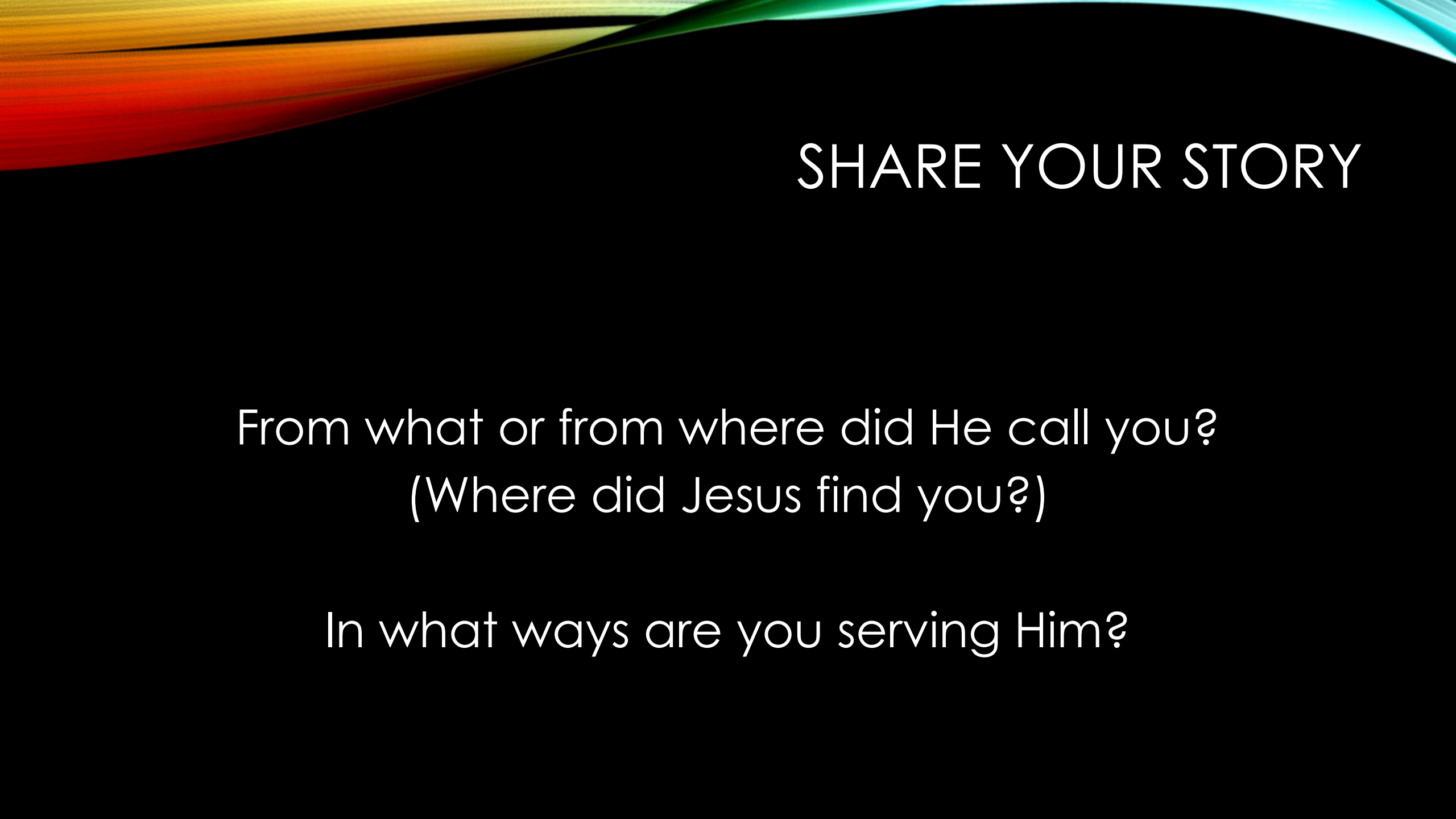
“those He wanted” Wanted *for this work*. It's not favoritism; it's the Master assigning tasks.

Their mission?

Be with Him
Go out to preach
Have authority over demons

“...Jesus remarked that they were slow learners and somewhat spiritually dense (Luke 24:25). They spanned the political spectrum. One was a former zealot – a radical, determined to overthrow Roman rule. But another had been a tax collector – virtually a traitor to the Jewish nation and in collusion with Rome. At least four, possibly seven, were fisherman and close friends from Capernaum, probably having known one another from childhood. The others must have been tradesman or craftsmen, but we are not told what they did before becoming followers of Christ. Most of them were from Galilee, an agricultural region...”

- MacArthur, Twelve Ordinary Men



SHARE YOUR STORY

From what or from where did He call you?
(Where did Jesus find you?)

In what ways are you serving Him?