

# The Inescapable Call (John 1:43)

Introduction: *February 23, 1972 – a call to war*

## I. JESUS ISSUES AN INESCAPABLE CALL

- A. His call to Philip & to us: “***Follow Me!***” (John 1:43)
- B. His call is a three-part call –
  - 1. To repentant faith (Mark 1:15)
  - 2. To single-minded discipleship (Luke 9:57 & ff)
  - 3. To trust that our future is secure in His hands

## II. HE WHO CALLS, LEADS

- A. He calls & leads us to real life in place of sin & death (John 10:10; 11:25)
- B. He calls & leads us to real & tangible help in His Word & Sacrament (Jn. 17:15-17)
- C. He calls & leads us to greater confidence & faith in Him (1 Thess. 5:24; 1 Cor. 15:58)
- D. He shows us that “*our work in the Lord is not in vain.*”
- E. He Who calls & leads is faithful unto death & unto eternity.

Conclusion: *Jesus answered the Father’s **inescapable call**: “The star in God’s window”*