



SERMON OUTLINE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

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 (John 17:15-17)
- C. He calls & leads us to greater confidence & faith in Him
(1 Thessalonians 5:24; 1 Corinthians 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”