

**Covenant Group Look – Book - Took**  
**June 12, 2008**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Test.: Genesis 12:1-9, Epistle: Romans 4:13-25, Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Look**

The sermon on Sunday focused on the biblical “call and response”. Abram, Matthew and Jesus were all called in the readings and all responded. The readings recounted calls that were life transforming while Kate suggests it is the cumulative effects of little calls that can be transforming.

1. Share a time in your life when you were asked for help and gave it without question?
2. Share a time in your life when you were asked for help but were unable to give what was asked?
3. What criteria did you use when deciding to give or not give assistance?

**Book**

In the Old Testament Lesson the Lord tells Abram at 70 to pack up, travel to a new land and settle there. Abram packs up and goes. In the middle of work Matthew is told by Jesus to “Follow me” and Matthew gets up and follows. Jesus stops what he is doing to respond to a request for help. These calls required a clear response and quick decision.

1. Do you think it is easier today to leave your current life and move than it was in Abram's time?
2. What do you think enabled Matthew to just get up and follow?
3. Jesus was in the middle of a lesson to the Pharisees when a leader of Synagogue requested help. Why was it more important to go and help than to finish his lessons to the Pharisees?

**Took**

Kate invites us to start dancing to a new song. When we say yes it is energizing to us as an individual and powerful to Emmanuel as the body of Christ. We were challenged to Do Justice, Love mercy and Walk humbly with God.

1. What can I or we at Emmanuel do to see justice done in our world?
2. How can I or we at Emmanuel show our love of mercy in our church, community or world?
3. How can I walk humbly with God?