

## **For Further Study and Reflection**

### ***Personally***

Read, compare and reflect upon the call narratives in the four gospels.

What do they say to you about the nature of discipleship?

What new challenge may you be being called to at this time?

### ***Locally***

In the light of the call narratives reflect on the culture of your local Christian community. Ponder questions such as these (or others that come to mind out of this chapter):

- How adventurous is your church, your fellowship, your small group?
- What sense of the glorious or the holy is there in your gatherings and activities?
- In what ways is your life together grounded in Scripture?

### ***Globally***

In anxious and neurotic Western cultures what can we learn from countries that are relatively poor economically but rich spiritually? In particular what can we learn about not being afraid?

And what out of our riches can we share with those in need elsewhere? For example, in compiling the bibliography for this book I have been challenged as to how many books I have on my shelves and can borrow from my local theological college. Might you join me in providing commentaries and other books to churches and pastors in countries where they are scarce?

### **Biblical Passages to Reflect On**

Study one or more of the call passages introduced in this passage with the help of a good commentary or two. The bibliography at the end of this book contains details of commentaries I have found helpful.