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What do you notice about the progression of these passages? What changes? What remains the same?

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3. Timescales vary. This process can take multiple years, one year, a month, a few days, or 90 minutes, depending on the context.
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- Jesus' purpose is constant from the very beginning: he wants to multiply his ministry in his disciples...
- First passage: directive style. He tells them what to do. They either get on board or they don't.
- Second passage: Jesus invites them in a little more, telling them what he's doing and why. But he isn't taking his cues from Peter's vision for Jesus' life and plans.
- Third passage: He tells them more about his strategy, and he coaches them on how they will gain understanding.
- Fourth passage: He sends them on a short-term assignment, with specific instructions but beyond that freedom to fail or succeed on their own.
- Fifth: They are fully ready to take the gospel and preach it to the world. They have received everything they have from Jesus and now can multiply his ministry in others, using both his teachings and his methods.

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