



GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of February 24th

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.



UP: growing in relationship with God

IN: growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

OUT: growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

Get Started:

What inspired or led you to your vocation/job/career path?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passages for the week: Luke 5:1-11. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note words or phrases that seem meaningful.

1. Re-read verses 2-5. Imagine you're just finishing a long day at work, you're cleaning your tools (or tidying your office), and someone comes and asks you to go back to work for a while. What do you imagine is going through the minds of these fishermen?
2. The fishermen are already familiar with Jesus as he was just healing people in Simon's home in the previous passage. But Jesus isn't a fisherman, and it's pretty bold of him to tell these guys how to do their job. What are you an "expert" in? Is there an area of your life in which it would be a bit insulting for a first century carpenter to tell you how to act?
3. Re-read verses 6-9. Peter calls Jesus "Lord." This is the Greek word "Kyrie" which can mean lord/master as a sign of respect, but also "Lord" as in God. What do you think about Simon's response in verse 8?
4. Re-read 10-11. Jesus calls the disciples after this huge haul. It would be like having a massive business acquisition fall into your lap and then Jesus saying, "See what I'm capable of? Now leave it all behind and follow me." What do you think about this?
5. Simon thought he understood his purpose in life. He was a fisherman. But then Jesus came along and suddenly Simon's efforts as a fisherman seemed small. True life and purpose are found when Simon gives everything over to Jesus. What remains in your life that you need to hand over to the Lord in order to receive the life he offers?



Out: : Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)

Jesus tells Simon he will fish for people. He takes a vocation which Simon has already mastered and tweaks it so that he can utilize it as part of God's mission. How could God tweak your vocation in order for you to most effectively join God in His mission?



IN: Connect with Each Other

Split off into groups of two or three. Share prayer requests in these smaller groups and commit to checking in with each other a couple of times in the next week through a phone call, text, etc.