

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of October 3, 2021

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. What's your come-to-Jesus story? (Side note: Every stage is a process, so don't feel bad if your story is still unfolding)

I was _____

But God _____

And now _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Luke 5:1-11. The moment Simon (later known as Peter) realized he was completely unworthy to be in Jesus's presence was also the moment he left everything behind to follow Jesus and remain in His presence. Explain the correlation.

Luke 5:1-11 The Message

1-3 Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

4 When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."

5-7 Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets." It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

8-10 Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. "Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself." When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon.

10-11 Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women." They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

2. Recall a time in your life when you have been reluctant to obey God. Share with the group what happened and what has changed in your life as a result.

3. Every Christian has a calling on his or her life. What value do you place on ministry? What does ministry mean to you?

Are you pouring yourself out in ministry? What are you doing? Where are you serving? How are you fishing for people?

TAKING IT HOME

1. For those of you who are pouring yourself out in ministry; rest, recovery and solitude is a must. What's that look like for you? Are you getting your time with God? How are you taking Sabbath seriously while obeying what God has for you?

2. "You will never understand some commands in the Bible until you obey them first. Obedience unlocks understanding." In what area or command in Christian life do you need prayer to stop being reluctant to obey and just obey?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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