

Going With Jesus Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Have you ever been on a boat? How was your experience?
2. If you could have a \$1,000 gift certificate to any store, what store would you choose?

Read the following passage: Luke 5:1-11.

In this passage Luke records for us Peter's call to discipleship and mission. It illustrates for us a number of characteristics that accompany walking with Jesus.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. This transformative moment for Peter began when Jesus got into Peter's boat. What does it mean for us to welcome Jesus into our boats? Are there areas of your life that you are not currently opening up to Jesus (e.g. career, relationships, finances, marriage, future)? What are some ways we can practically welcome Jesus into different areas of our lives?
2. Why was Jesus' instruction to Peter to let down the nets so bothersome? What are some examples of instructions Jesus has given or may give to us that we may find unwelcome? Explain the role of obedience in the Christian life.
3. When Jesus was in Peter's boat, Peter had a miraculous catch of fish. What was the purpose of this miracle? Have you ever experienced anything miraculous in your life? Explain.
4. Why do you think Peter responded to the miraculous catch the way he did? What was he beginning to discover about Jesus?
5. Our culture emphasizes having healthy self-esteem, accepting ourselves for who we are, and not judging ourselves or others. How does experiencing conviction for sin fit into this matrix of beliefs? How should we respond when we feel convicted for our sin?
6. Jesus calls Peter into mission. What does it mean for us to be on mission with Jesus? How can being on mission intersect with our family life, friendships, and careers?
7. Jesus used Peter's work experience as a metaphor for the mission He was calling Peter into. How might God use your temperament, skills, education, or work experience to advance His Kingdom?

8. What is one feature of Peter's experience with Jesus that you think needs to be more prominent in your life?

Pray