

## **Take a Step 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. Do you regularly lose things? Explain.
2. If you could choose one person to plan a one week vacation for you, who would it be? Explain.

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

Peter's life was changed forever one morning in a boat. In the span of perhaps one hour he experienced Jesus as teacher, master, Lord, and life. Each of us have the opportunity to embrace Jesus in these four roles.

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

1. What have been some of the biggest influences on the way you live your life? Explain. If at the snap of your fingers you could change one aspect of the way you live your life, what would it be?
2. Below are a few of Jesus' most well-known teachings. Which do you find most striking? Explain.
  - "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..." Matthew 7:12
  - "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" Mark 8:36
  - "...where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21
  - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
  - "...the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." Luke 22:26
  - "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
3. Jesus often required something of the people he encountered: "...let down the nets for a catch;" "Stop sinning;" "Sell everything you have;" "Follow me." How do we know what God is requiring of us? What do you think God is requiring from you? How have you responded?
4. Why do you think Peter responds the way he does after he and his companions pull in the miraculous catch of fish? Is it ever appropriate for a person to be afraid of God? (See, for example, Hebrews 10:26-31.)

5. How would you define sin? God repeatedly told the ancient Israelites: “Be holy, because I am holy.” What does it mean to live a holy life? Is a holy life something you aspire to? Explain.
6. What attitudes should accompany true worship? How can we worship God individually, with others, and in our daily living? Is worship a regular part of your life?
7. Jesus told Peter, “Do not be afraid.” Peter was obviously very aware of his sin in this moment. Why do you think Jesus told him not be afraid? How can the grace of God deliver us from our fear?
8. Why do you think Peter left everything and followed Jesus? What do you think it means for you to live for Jesus in your particular circumstances?
9. What is one step you feel you should take in your journey with Jesus?

**Pray**