

SCC Small Group Discussion

The Inviting God: Discipleship

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Getting Started:

Talk about what it felt like when you first encountered something amazing about Jesus?

What compelled you to lean in and pay attention?

Searching the Scriptures:

Read Mark 1:16-20 and Luke 5:1-11

1. Mark and Luke write about the same encounter with Jesus. What do they have in common, and what is different?
2. In Luke's version we see that Jesus first taught the people from one of the boats, and then he asked Simon Peter to do something (see Luke 5:4-5). What do you make of Peter's hesitancy and ultimate obedience to what Jesus said? Have you ever felt the same way?
3. Given the lack of success the fishermen had faced, how easy might it have been to grow hopeless? Why do you think they were willing to take Jesus at his word and obey his command?
4. What was the difference between how Jesus saw the situation and how the fishermen viewed it? How does faith in God and that he "knows the big picture" play a role in your own obedience to Jesus?

5. What did Jesus reveal to Peter and the others through this miracle? How did they respond? (see Luke 5:8-11)
6. How does Luke's inclusion of the miraculous catch make the statement in both Mark 1:17 and Luke 5:10 about becoming "fishers of men" more meaningful?
7. What do you think made the men leave behind everything they knew to follow Jesus? What made the difference in your own decision?

Application Questions

What have you already left behind to follow Jesus? Has the cost been worth it?

Who do you have a concern for this week? What could you do to point them to Jesus?

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