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Luke 3-9

WEEKS 1-4
LEADER & MEMBER GUIDE



HEAD-HEART-HANDS-HABITS

In this series, we will be studying the key beliefs that we strongly hold to as followers of Christ and as a church body. In order to help convey the importance of each truth and how we can apply it to our lives, we will be using a different approach in our LifeGroup discussions to help us read, interpret, and apply these truths with the goal of growing as disciples of Jesus Christ!

The Head - Heart - Hands framework seeks to help us live a life balanced by our thinking, feeling, and behavior. It isn't meant for us to pick and choose, but all are necessary in order to help us live our lives fully in the faith that comes from Christ, as we seek to love Him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

In each lesson, there will be questions from each of the areas: Head, Heart, Hands, and Habits. Just as we can't live a healthy, balanced life by only eating one or two foods, we must have all of these areas to live a healthy spiritual life in Christ. As a result, it is important that you discuss questions from each of these areas. For many, you will find several questions to choose from. Choose the question(s) that will most benefit your LifeGroup from each section rather than trying to answer every question in order to discuss each topic in the time allowed. Each type plays an important role in our walk and growth as followers of Christ.



Head Questions: What we believe and think (Psalm 119:130)

- "Intellectual" questions that help us to understand the teaching points in the passage
- Discuss our thoughts and understanding of what the passage says
- Think of it as: What do you understand in this passage?

Heart Questions: What we love and desire (Romans 12:1-2)

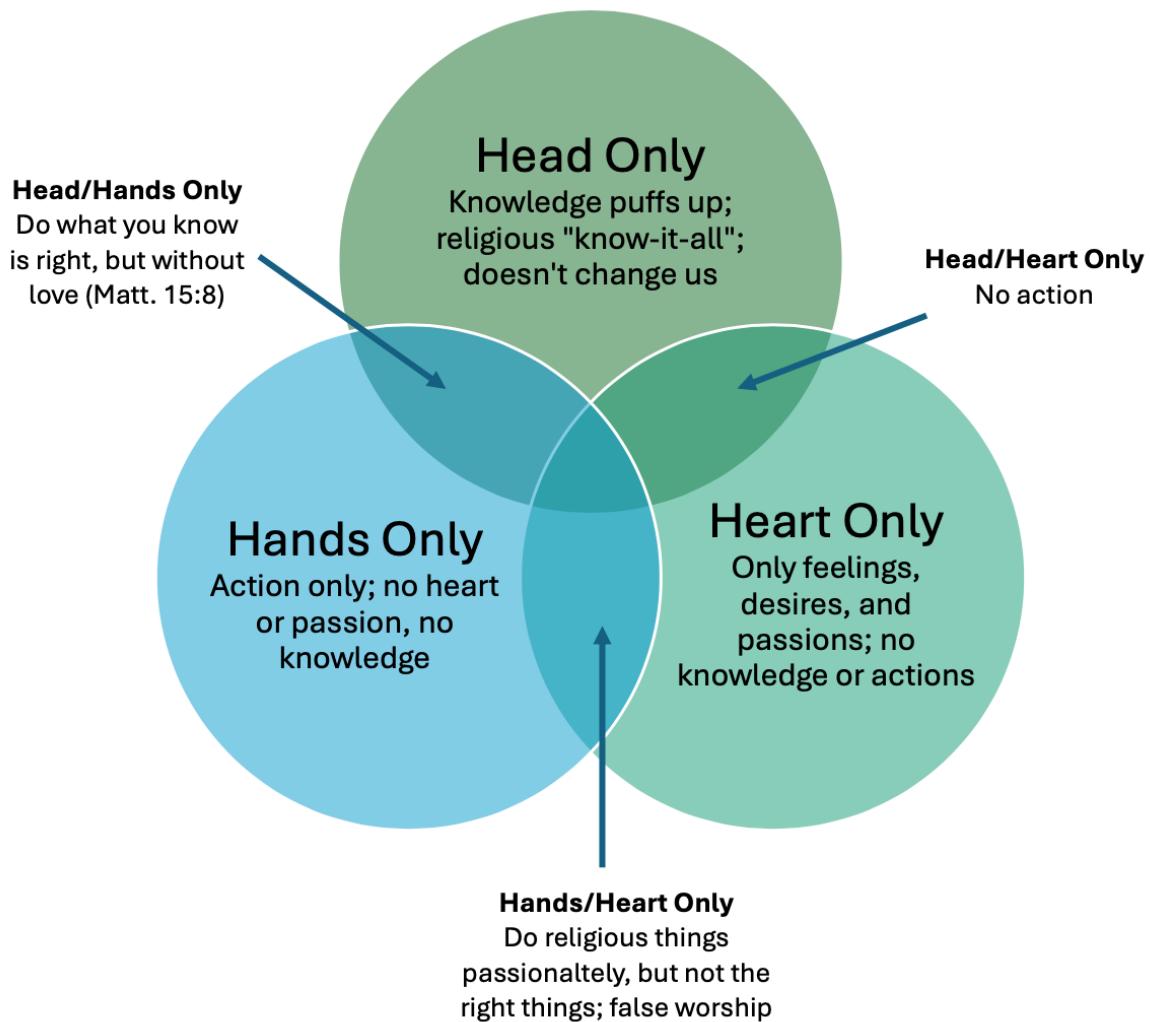
- "Emotional" questions that help us to understand the importance of the passage and to be affected by it, not just informed by it
- Examine our desires, feelings, will, and choices, as well as our passions
- Think of it as: What moves and motivates you in this passage?

Hands Questions: What we choose and do (Titus 3:1-8)

- "Practical" questions that help us to see the implications of what the passage teaches, and to be determined to act on it.
- As our mind and values change, our actions should follow!
- Think of it as: What will you do with this passage?

It isn't enough to just have one or two of these areas in our lives. It is important and necessary that we have a balance of all three!

The Dangers of Not Using All Three



As we allow God to work in our lives in all three of these aspects, we grow in our relationship with Him and allow Him to transform our lives. As a result, we can develop Habits that honor and glorify Him!

Habit Questions help us answer the question, "Now what?" Once our head, heart, and hands are working well together, we can move forward to develop consistent practices, regular rhythms, and routines that help us turn our knowledge, emotions, and actions into a way of life that honors God and draws people to Him!

They help us to make our faith an active part of our everyday lives, building spiritual disciplines that will sustain our faith and testimony over time. Without these habits, it is easy for the other areas to get out of sync and break down, and for us to lose sight of why we do what we do!



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WATCH

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READ

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BIG IDEA

In Luke 3, Jesus steps onto the public stage. Before He preaches, heals, or confronts darkness, the Father publicly affirms Him. This moment launches Jesus' ministry and reveals who He is before showing us what He will do. The work of Christ begins with identity, not activity. Before Jesus calls us to follow Him, He shows us who He is. Real change begins when we respond to His grace, not when we try to earn it.

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Passages we'll review:

Luke 3:15-23; Ephesians 3:20-21; John 15:5;

Hebrews 11:6; Luke 9:23

OPENING

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DISCUSS

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Read Luke 3:15-23

HEAD- What do you understand?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

What does Luke 3:15-17 reveal about the expectations people had for the Messiah?

Why is John so intentional about pointing away from himself and toward Jesus?



What does Jesus' baptism reveal about His mission and identification with humanity? NOTES

How does the Father's declaration in verses 21-22 shape our understanding of Jesus' identity before His ministry begins?

Optional tie-in:

How does Ephesians 3:20-21 connect to the idea of expectation and God's power at work through Christ?

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HEART – What moves you?

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Choose 1 or 2 questions.

How does it impact you to know that the Father's approval of Jesus comes before any public ministry or miracles?

When you think about repentance as freedom rather than shame, what changes emotionally for you?

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Which picture of Jesus in this passage draws **NOTES**
your heart the most and why? _____

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Where do you find yourself tempted to look for validation apart from God's voice?

Helpful quote reflection:

How does the idea that we live from God's acceptance rather than for it challenge your normal spiritual mindset?

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HANDS – What will you do?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

If repentance is a turning toward Jesus, what is one area of your life that needs realignment right now?

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What would it look like this week to depend on Christ instead of self-effort according to John 15:5?

**Jesus was praying when the heavens opened.
What step could you take to be more
intentional about prayer this week?**

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How does Jesus' willingness to be baptized shape how you view humility and obedience?

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HABITS - Now what?

Choose 1 question and get specific.

What regular rhythm could help you live with expectation for God's work in your life this year?

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How can you build a habit that keeps you grounded in faith and dependence as described in Hebrews 11:6?

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Based on Luke 9:23, what does "daily surrender" practically look like for you right now?

Encourage each person to name one habit they will practice before the next meeting.



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BIG IDEA

Our world seems to always be searching for shortcuts and easy fixes. New inventions come from the desire to simplify life or reduce the effort of a difficult task. We don't want to put forth any extra effort if at all possible. We are often content with settling for quick, often temporary, fulfillment or success in order to experience immediate pleasure, power, or gain, only to find it doesn't last. In fact, many find they are more hopeless or discontent than they were before their "success".

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We can be tempted to chase after the things of this world in order to experience Satan's temporary "power", focusing on ourselves and our own interests, all the while forgetting about God's eternal power and glory. Satan wants us to sacrifice the eternal for the temporary and take the easy way out. But there is no easy way, no shortcut to becoming fully mature and complete in Christ. Warren Wiersbe once wrote: "Satan tempts us to bring out the worst in us, but God can use those difficult experiences to put the best into us." God allows us to experience testing and

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temptation in order to prepare us to do His work as we follow Him. He desires that we rely on His strength and His Word rather than our own qualifications and abilities. In this week's study, we are reminded that Jesus overcame temptation through dependence on the Spirit and submission to God's Word. Those same resources are available to us!

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Passages we'll review:

Luke 4: 1-30

OPENING

What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think? Did anything challenge you?

If you were the emperor of the world,
what would be your first decree?



DISCUSS

Read Luke 4:1-13

Immediately after the Father declares Jesus as His beloved Son, the Spirit leads Him into the wilderness. Luke shows us that identity does not remove hardship but anchors us through it. Jesus faces temptation head-on and reveals what faithful dependence on God looks like.

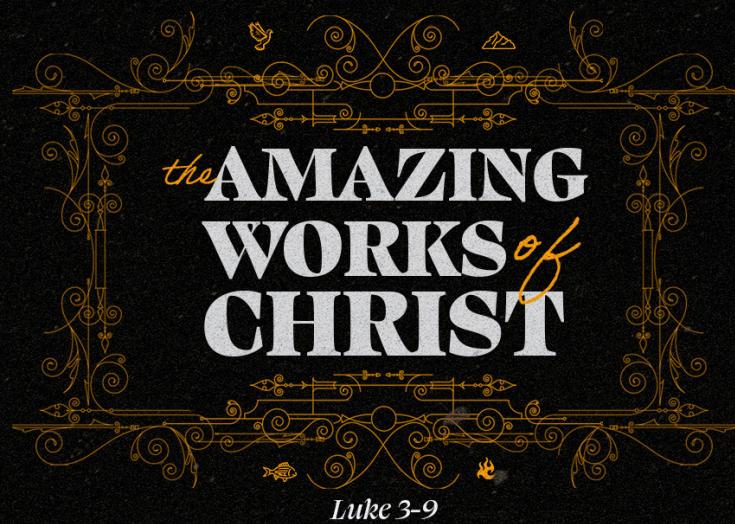
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HEAD- What do you understand?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

Why does Luke emphasize that Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit when He entered the wilderness?

What patterns do you see in the way Satan tempts Jesus?



How does Jesus respond to temptation and why is Scripture central each time?

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What does this passage reveal about the nature of spiritual warfare?

Optional tie-in:

How does Jesus' use of Scripture shape how we understand the power of God's Word in daily life?

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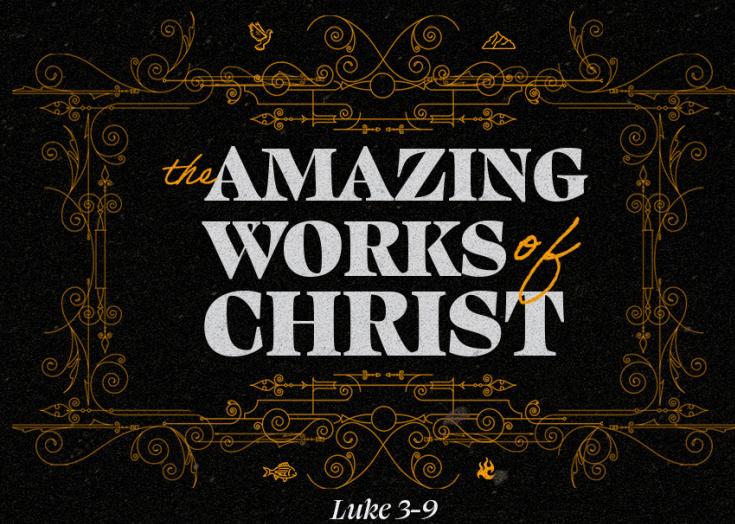
HEART – What moves you?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

Which temptation in this passage feels most familiar to you and why?

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How does knowing Jesus understand temptation affect your trust in Him?



What emotions surface when obedience to **NOTES**
God feels costly or uncomfortable?

Where do you feel most vulnerable to
spiritual compromise?

Helpful quote reflection:

How does the idea that obedience flows from
trust rather than fear challenge your normal
reactions to temptation?

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HANDS - What will you do?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

How can you intentionally use Scripture when facing temptation this week?

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What practical step could help you rely more on the Spirit instead of self-discipline alone?

Where do you need to say no to something that distracts you from trusting God?

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HABITS – Now what?

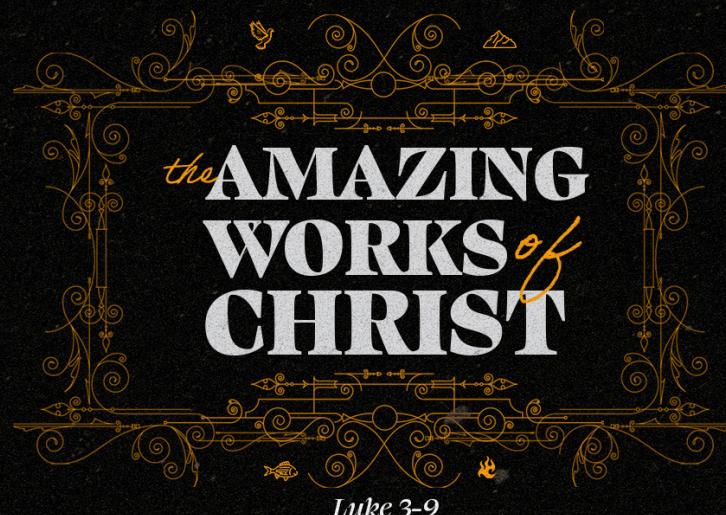
Choose 1 question and get specific.

What daily rhythm could help you stay rooted in God's Word?

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How can you prepare spiritually before temptation shows up rather than reacting afterward?

Encourage each person to name one habit they will practice before the next meeting.



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This week is about identity anchoring obedience. Jesus doesn't fight for approval. He stands firm because He already has it.

PRAY

Consider the following as you pray together:

- Think about the three categories Satan used to tempt Jesus - appetite, recognition, and power. Which of those three causes you the most trouble? Pray for wisdom to recognize Satan's temptation, remembering to rely on God and His Word when you face difficult times.
- Take time to learn Scripture in order that you can have it as a resource when you face difficult times or temptation.
- Take time to evaluate the way you live your life, as well as the choices you make. Are you worshiping God alone?

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WEEK 3

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BIG IDEA

Evil permeates the world in which we live. As a result of all of the advancements in technology, we know what is going on all around the world almost as quickly as it happens. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. We are told of deaths that result from weather catastrophes, accidents, and even the evil acts of mankind. We are given detailed descriptions of all kinds of violent acts that destroy property, the environment, and even lives. We are updated continuously - 24 hours a day, seven days a week. With all of the information at our fingertips, it can be easy to grow fearful of the world in which we live, with many even living their lives in fear, anxiety, and depression as a result of this evil.

However, as followers of Christ, we do not have to live our lives in fear as the world does. Even though we will face evil and spiritual battles, 1 John 4:4 reminds us of this truth: "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." Jesus displayed His power and authority throughout the

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Gospels, and though we were not there to witness it, we can rely on the truths of His Word, knowing that they still hold true today! This week, we are reminded that the spiritual battles we will face in our lives are not stronger than Jesus! He speaks with divine authority, and His authority covers our lives. Nothing spiritual or physical can stand against Him!

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Passages we'll review:

Luke 4:31-41

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What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think? Did anything challenge you?

Where in your life or in the world today have you seen power or authority used in a way that surprised or amazed you, whether good or bad?

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DISCUSS

Read Luke 4:31-41

Luke now moves from the wilderness to public ministry. Jesus teaches, heals, and confronts darkness with unmatched authority. His words carry power and His presence brings freedom.

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HEAD- What do you understand?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

How do people respond to Jesus' teaching in this passage?

Why do demons immediately recognize who Jesus is?

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What does this passage reveal about the **NOTES** authority of Jesus' word? _____

Why does Luke pair teaching and healing together here?

Optional tie-in:

How does this passage expand your understanding of spiritual authority?



HEART - What moves you?
Choose 1 or 2 questions.

How does knowing Jesus has authority over darkness affect your fears?

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Where do you feel most overwhelmed or powerless right now?

How does Jesus' compassion toward the sick speak to your heart?

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Helpful quote reflection:

How does trusting Jesus' authority bring peace instead of anxiety?

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HANDS - What will you do?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

How can you intentionally turn to Jesus first when you face spiritual or emotional pressure this week?

Who might God be prompting you to pray for or encourage right now?

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What practical step can you take to rely on Jesus' authority instead of trying to handle things on your own?

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How can your response to struggle this week reflect trust in Jesus rather than fear or control?

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HABITS – Now what?

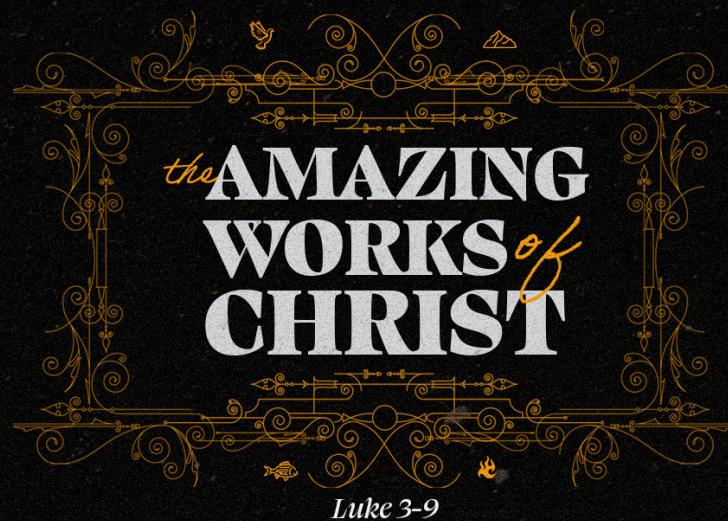
Choose 1 question and get specific.

What habit could help you rely on prayer rather than control?

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How can you make turning to Jesus your first response?

Encourage each person to name one habit they will practice before the next meeting.



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This week reminds us that Jesus is not overwhelmed, even when we are.

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PRAY

Consider the following as you pray together:

- In what areas of your life do you struggle to recognize and submit to Jesus' authority?
- Take time to reflect on how God has demonstrated His power and authority in your own life. Respond to Him with thanksgiving and worship.
- How can you help others see and be amazed by Jesus' authority and commit their lives to Him?



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BIG IDEA

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Fishing is a sport enjoyed by many. It ranges from those who fish in a small backyard pond or stream to those who compete in skilled deep-sea fishing. It is often seen as a way to relax and enjoy the company of others, but for those in the trade, it can often be a stressful job requiring hard work and long hours. Two common types of fishing are coastal, or inland, fishing and deep-sea fishing. While they are based on the same concepts, each requires different skills and resources. Coastal fishing takes place within sight of land. It is often a more manageable environment. It does not require large boats and can even be done on the shore. The results are more frequent catches with a higher quantity of fish than deep-sea fishing. In contrast, deep-sea fishing requires heavier, stronger gear and much bigger boats. The fish caught are larger game fish, much stronger and faster than those caught on the shoreline, making it more physically demanding. Deep-sea fishing also involves a longer trip out to the depths of the water, resulting in weather that is less



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predictable with much rougher conditions. To attempt deep sea fishing with simple coastal fishing gear or experience would be unreasonable, even ridiculous! Yet that is what Jesus commanded Peter to do in Luke 5!

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Just as He did with Peter, Jesus often calls us to radical obedience that seems to defy all common sense or understanding, in order to demonstrate His power and authority and transform lives! What may seem to be an unwelcome interruption to our normal lives can actually be a catalyst to extraordinary life-change! In this week's study, we see that Jesus calls us out of the comfortable, familiar, shallow waters of this life to the deep waters of His mission. He enters into our everyday, ordinary lives and transforms us. He works through us to fulfill His eternal purpose and mission in extraordinary ways, guiding us to find our true purpose in Him as we trust Him deeply and follow Him fully!

Passages we'll review:

Luke 5:1-11



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When have you followed advice that seemed crazy at the time but ended up working out?

DISCUSS

Read Luke 5:1-11

Jesus moves from crowds to calling. Ordinary fishermen encounter extraordinary grace and are invited into a life of trust and mission.

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HEAD- What do you understand?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

Why does Jesus ask Peter to fish after a night of failure?

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What does the miracle reveal about Jesus' authority and purpose?

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Why does Peter respond with humility instead of celebration?

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Optional tie-in:

How does obedience precede understanding in this passage?

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HEART – What moves you?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

What fears surface when Jesus invites you into deeper trust?

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How does Jesus' words "Do not be afraid" speak to your life right now?

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Where do you feel unqualified or hesitant to follow Him?

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Helpful quote reflection:

How does grace change the way you respond to Jesus' call?

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HANDS - What will you do?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

Where might Jesus be asking you to trust Him beyond your comfort zone right now?

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What step of obedience have you been delaying and why?

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What would it look like to respond to Jesus even when the outcome feels uncertain?

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How can you take one practical step this week that reflects trust rather than control?





HABITS – Now what?

Choose 1 question and get specific.

What rhythm helps you listen and respond when Jesus speaks?

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How can surrender become a daily posture?

Encourage each person to name one habit they will practice before the next meeting.



Following Jesus often begins with obedience **NOTES**
before clarity.

PRAY

Consider the following as you pray together:

- How do you respond when God's instructions don't make sense? Are you willing to prioritize God's Word over your own expertise?

- How can you see your daily work, conversations, and tasks as opportunities to "cast nets" for the Kingdom of God?

- What would it look like for you to go out into deeper waters? Where is Jesus calling you to step out of your comfort zone into deeper faith this year?

- What does "leaving everything" to follow Jesus look like in your life today? What are you holding onto too tightly?



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