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TO FOLLOW JESUS

Luke 5:1-11

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YOU NEED TO KNOW JESUS

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YOU NEED TO TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD

We can follow God's Word because we trust the God of the Word.

YOU MUST BE HONEST ABOUT YOURSELF AND SUBMIT TO WHO HE IS.

True worship is less about singing about Jesus and more about submission to Jesus

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There is either a Jesus-first, "He owns every area of my life"

or there is <u>hypocrisy.</u>

YOU SEE HE IS WORTH MORE THAN EVERYTHING

You can give up everything for Jesus because you gain everything with Jesus.

Group Discussion Guide

- What do you think most people believe it means to "follow Jesus?"
- Does our current culture make it easy to be a "casual Christian?" If so, in what ways?
- What did it cost you to follow Jesus?
- How does remembering that God is good all the time help us give up control to follow Him?
- Luke 9:23-24. Each in the group: Choose a person named in the passage who the author described as being full of faith. Who did you choose?
- Can you describe a time when you needed to take God at His word with no definite destination in sight?
- Can you describe a time when you needed to give something up in order to follow Jesus?
- How easy was it? What helped you in the process?
- What are some ways in which following Jesus is worth more than all that is given up to follow Him?
- How has God spoken to you throughout this message and study?
- **PRAY** for strength to follow through on following Jesus.
- PRAY for those in the places you live, work, and play who still need to follow Jesus. Pray they come to realize that Jesus is worth everything!

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