

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE FOLLOWING THE MAN WHO IS GOD

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Isaiah 6:5 (ESV)

"¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him." Matthew 4:17-22 (ESV)

"³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter)." John 1:35-42 (ESV)

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Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share a high and a low.
- Do you enjoy fishing? Love it or hate it?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Luke 5:1-11. Why does Peter change how he addresses Jesus from verse 5 to verse 8?
- In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus teaches and performs miracles. How does each one contribute to the advance of God's kingdom?
- All of the Gospels record the "Calling of the First Disciples." Compare Luke 5:1-11, Mathew 4:17-22, and John 1:35-42.

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Use a question from N.T. Wright's "Luke: For Everyone" (pg. 39).
- In Luke 5:1-11, the disciples were likely experiencing anxiety over not catching any fish (which means no income). What is causing you anxiety right now? How does Jesus' miracle speak to that?
- In Luke 5:1-11, when Peter realized he was in the presence of God, he confessed; "I am a sinful man." Truly all of our thoughts and actions are exposed before God. What feelings does that bring up?
- Jesus did not choose religious elites to be his first disciples. Does that bring you comfort or discomfort?
- Jesus' call to us is not only to "believe," but to "Follow." Discuss...

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What's a spiritual discipline you could add to practice trusting God?
- Jesus' call often takes us away from familiar comforts and routines. Is there anything in your life keeping you from following completely? Anything you wish you didn't need to leave behind?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- "Lord, heavenly Father, please remind me daily of your provision in my life. Forgive my doubts and fears and lead me to worship you. Inspire me to share the Gospel with others so that they too can experience forgiveness, life, and salvation." Amen,

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three for 15 minutes:

1. How did you see God at work in your life this week?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians?
4. Pray for one another.