



**BIG IDEA**

Following Jesus isn't just believing in Him, it's becoming His disciple. Disciples trust Jesus enough to obey Him, even when His direction doesn't make sense.



**ICE BREAKER**

1. Have you ever done something that didn't make sense at the time, but looking back you're thankful you did?
2. What's one thing you've learned that completely changed the way you see life?
3. When is it hardest for you to trust God?



**MAIN POINTS**

**Following Jesus begins with learning from Him.**

In Luke 5, crowds gathered because they were hungry to hear the Word of God. Rachel reminded us that believing in Jesus is only the beginning. A disciple is a learner, a student who continually grows, changes, and allows God's Word to shape every area of life. Real discipleship isn't just knowing about Jesus; it's becoming more like Him.

**Disciples obey—even when it doesn't make sense.**

Peter had spent the entire night fishing without catching anything. When Jesus told him to cast his nets again, everything in Peter's experience said it was a bad idea. Yet Peter chose obedience over logic. Often God asks us to trust Him beyond what feels comfortable or reasonable. When we step out in faith, we create space for God to work in ways we never could on our own.

**Disciples recognize their need for Jesus.**

After witnessing the miraculous catch of fish, Peter immediately became aware of his own sinfulness. Instead of celebrating himself, he recognized his need for God's grace. Following Jesus requires humility, acknowledging that we don't have all the answers and that our greatest need is Him. Transformation begins when we surrender our self-sufficiency and depend on Jesus completely.

**Disciples live for what lasts forever.**

Jesus called Peter to leave behind the biggest catch of his career in order to become a "fisher of people." While careers, possessions, and achievements all have value, nothing compares to investing in people for eternity. Wherever God has placed us: at work, at school, at home, or in our neighborhoods, we have the opportunity to make the invisible God visible through the way we live and love others.



**DISCUSS**

1. Which of the four characteristics of a disciple challenged you the most this week?
2. Can you think of a time when God asked you to trust Him even though it didn't make sense? What happened?
3. What distractions or priorities tend to compete with putting Jesus first in your life?

4. How can you become more intentional about growing as a disciple instead of simply believing in Jesus?
5. Who has God placed in your life that you can intentionally encourage, pray for, or share



#### NEXT STEP

### Jesus First

- Choose one area you've been holding tightly—your schedule, finances, relationships, career, or future—and intentionally surrender it to Jesus this week. Spend time reading Luke 5 and ask God to show you where He's inviting you to trust Him more deeply.

### People Always

- Ask God to help you see the people around you the way He does. Pray for one person who doesn't know Jesus and look for an opportunity this week to encourage them, serve them, or begin a spiritual conversation.

### Made for More

- God has uniquely placed you where you are for a purpose. Whether you're at work, school, home, or in your community, ask yourself: *How can I make the invisible God visible through the way I live today?* Choose one intentional way to reflect Christ in your everyday interactions this week.



#### SCRIPTURE

### Luke 5:1-11

*"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him." (Luke 5:10-11)*



#### NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK

Next weekend we'll continue discovering what it means to put **Jesus First** as we learn how following Him transforms every part of our lives.