

“Marked”

Sermon Discussion Guide

Accompanies the 9/12/21 Sermon

Discipleship is Personal - Luke 5:1-11

When we track discipleship back to the beginning, we find Jesus on a lake shore inviting a few men to follow him. They didn't know it then, but they were about to embark on a journey that would leave them changed. It would impact every area of their life and they would be forever “Marked”. What was it that Jesus did that allowed a young angler like Peter to become the leader of a movement? He showed up in his life and invited him into his life. Today we will discuss how we all need personal relationships in our life to help us grow mature in our faith.

ICE BREAKER

1. What was the highlight of your summer?
2. What's something in your house you want to get rid of but can't? (Please no naming your spouse or children!)
3. What is the biggest way you've changed since you were a child? In what way are you still the same?

PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND

Open in prayer: Pray that as you reflect on today's scripture that God prepares your heart and mind. Pray for the ability to understand and apply its truths to your life.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **Luke 5: 1-11**

Central Theme: What is the central theme of today's verses? (Look for word repetition)

- At first reading how does this scripture strike you?
- What happened prior to these events taking place?
- Why would Jesus preform this miracle? Was it to give economic assistance or is there something more going on in today's story?

- What was Simon's response to this miracle? Why would he act this way?
- What does Jesus mean by "fishers of men" or "catching live people"?
- Reread Luke 5:11. What did the disciples leave behind? (*hint their miraculous catch was included)

GETTING PRACTICAL

Discuss the following questions together as a group; be willing to share how challenges and trials have affected your life.

In Jesus calling his disciples, we see three things that occurred:

1. He showed up in their lives.
2. He invited them into his life.
3. He gave them a new identity and new mission.

What role do relationships play in someone's discipleship?

Reflecting on your faith journey share a time when someone has shown up in your life and encouraged your faith.

Share with the group a person that has invited you into their life and helped you mature in your faith.

How have you seen discipleship that is not relational or personal used? How does this type of training fall short?

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

Do you feel like you have people that you have this kind of relationship with right now?

How can you pursue those kinds of relationships?

How can you be intentional in being someone that is investing into others relationally?

How can this group be a relational discipling group that stirs each other up and encourages each other?