

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 10, 2008

Passage: Luke 5:1-11

Memory Passage: Matthew 4:19

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:1-3.** Read Luke 4:40-44 again. What was Jesus doing in chapter 4? How does this explain why so many people were following him?
- (b) What had Jesus said was his priority (Luke 4:43-44)? What was Jesus doing in Luke 5:1? What seems to be his priority?
- (c) What should be a priority of the NT church (Colossians 1:28-29; 2 Timothy 2:2; Acts 13:44)?
- (d) What unusual approach did Jesus use so that he could continue to teach the crowds?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 5:1-3 and Colossians 1:28-29. Discuss the importance of teaching in the ministry of the church and in our own lives. How can teaching be part of our evangelism (sharing the gospel)? Pray for those who teach in your church.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:4-7.** What request did Jesus make of Peter? What was Peter's objection? What would be some reasons that Peter might not want to comply with his request?
- (b) Are there times when obedience to God seems to be "inconvenient?" Describe some of those situations.
- (c) How important is obedience to discipleship and following Jesus? What question does Jesus ask in Luke 6:46?
- (d) What resulted from their obedience? What evidence is there that this was an unusual catch?
- (e) Read Matthew 21:28-31. Is the obedience of disciples perfect?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:4-7 and discuss the importance of obeying the Lord. Is it easy to follow Jesus? Does our obedience always result in a miraculous event? Might we miss seeing the power of the Lord in our lives because we do not live in obedience? Pray that you might have a heart to follow Jesus no matter what he calls you to do.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:8-10.** How did this miracle affect Peter? What made him respond this way?
- (b) What did Jesus tell Peter? What does this tell us about the priority that Jesus has for his disciples?
- (c) Read Isaiah 6:1-5. What was Isaiah's response to the holiness of God? How is this similar to Peter's?
- (d) Read Isaiah 6:6-8. What was Isaiah's response to the forgiveness of God? Compare this with the call of Jesus in Luke 5? Read Isaiah 6:9-13. What kind of response does God tell Isaiah to expect? What question does Isaiah have (Isaiah 6:11)?
- (e) What promise does God give to him (Isaiah 6:13)? How should this encourage us (2 Timothy 2:10)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:8-10 and discuss the response that Peter has to this miracle. Why do you think he felt this way? What had the miracle caused him to see about himself? How is this "revelation" essential for us if we are going to be "fishers of men?" Pray that you might realize your sinfulness and never forget the joy of God's grace.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:11.** How did this miracle affect the other fishermen? What had these men seen that would cause them to do this? What have you seen in Jesus that causes you to be willing to follow him? What does it mean to "forsake all?"
- (b) Read Luke 5:27-32. How was the call of Matthew different from that of these fishermen? How was it similar?
- (c) In what ways would it have been *more difficult* for Matthew to follow Jesus? In what ways would following Jesus have been *more difficult* for the fishermen?
- (d) Is the call and the cost of following Jesus the same for all (John 21:19-22)?
- (e) What did Paul say about the cost and value of following Jesus (Philippians 3:7-8)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:11 and John 21:19-22. Discuss the costs of following Jesus. What did it cost the first disciples? What does it cost us today? Pray that you might be willing to follow Jesus no matter what the cost.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Matthew 4:19.** Read this verse carefully. How do disciples *become* fishers of men?
- (b) Is it the responsibility of every disciple to be “fishers of men?”
- (c) In 1 Corinthians 9:20-22, what does Paul say is the priority of his life? What does he do so that he might accomplish it?
- (d) Read Luke 18:18-27. What question does this rich ruler ask Jesus? What is surprising about Jesus’ answer?
- (e) Read Luke 18:28-30. What question was in Peter’s mind? What does Jesus teach about the costs and the rewards of following him?
- (f) *Family:* Read Matthew 4:19 and 1 Corinthians 9:20-22. What does it mean to be “fishers of men?” Who are some people that God has placed in your life that need to know about Jesus? Pray for opportunities for sharing the gospel with them in the coming weeks.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 5:1-11. How would you summarize the priority of the Messiah? How important was his ministry of teaching? What did you learn about his calling of his disciples? What does it mean to really follow Jesus? Pray that the Word of God might have impact on people’s lives through the ministry of your church tomorrow.

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The Priority of the Messiah
“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”