



NEW MINI SERIES: "FOLLOWING CHRIST"
Growth Group discussion questions for Luke 5:1-11
Week of January 6-9, 2019

1. Scripture memory: Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite Ps. 63:1.
2. Carefully read Luke 5:1-11 at least twice. In this passage, Jesus calls his first disciples. What is a disciple? Is there a difference between being a convert and being a disciple? Explain.
(Matt. 29:18-20, John 13:34-35, James 2:14-17)

In this passage we see several characteristics of a true disciple of Jesus.

3. Hunger for God's Word (vv. 1-3)
 - a) Why do you think the people were so eager to hear Jesus speak? (Luke 4:31-37, Matt. 7:28-29)

 - b) Is this your attitude? How hungry would you say are you for God's Word? Explain. What can keep you from a love for, and a daily study of, God's Word? (e.g. 2 Cor. 11:3, what else?)
4. Obedience to God's commands (vv. 4-5)
 - a) How would you evaluate Simon's readiness to obey Jesus in vv. 4-5?

 - b) Evaluate your own readiness to obey God's commands in Scripture. Do you ever sense the conviction of God's Spirit when you read the Word? Can you give an example? How quick are you to obey God's commands?
5. Humility, contrition (godly sorrow for sin), and repentance before God (vv. 8)
 - a) What do you think prompted Peter to react the way he did?

b) When the Spirit makes you aware of your sin, how quickly do you (or should you) confess and repent before God? Why? (1 John 1:5-10)

6. Evangelism (v. 10)

a) What did Jesus mean in his statement to Simon (v. 10)? Explain the metaphor.

b) Jesus' miracle with the fish was not an isolated act. How would you explain the connection between what Jesus did in vv. 4-6 and Jesus' statement in v. 10?

c) Was Jesus' command to be "catching men" for those disciples only or is this a command for every disciple? How can you grow in your motivation and also your skill in catching sinners?

7. Complete devotion (v. 11)

a) How did Jesus' disciples demonstrate their devotion to him? Is a response like that required of every disciple of Christ? Explain. (Luke 14:25-33)

b) What does this level of devotion look like today? (Matt. 22:34-40, 1 Cor. 10:31, Is. 66:2, others?) How would you evaluate your personal devotion to Christ as his disciple?

8. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on Sunday, January 6th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

PRAY IN THE GROUP: Pray that all who attend Cornerstone would grow in their devotion to Jesus, mature as disciples, and display consistent spiritual fruit. Pray for Josiah Kenniv as he officially assumes the leadership of our Youth Group. Pray for mature disciples among our youth.