



Sermon Discussion Guide

The Call to Followership - Tim Knipp

March 26, 2023

Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- What are some of the words you would use to answer the question “Who are you?”
- Describe a time when you felt small in the presence of something immense.

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- **Read Luke 5: 1-11.**
- What is the setting of this passage? Where is it happening? What time of day? How does this influence the characters? (Jesus? The fishermen?)
- Who are the characters in this passage? At this point in the story, what do we know about Jesus? About the fishermen?
- What commands does Jesus give to Simon in this passage? How does Simon respond to these commands?
- How does Simon respond to the immensity of the catch of fish? Why might this have been his response?
 - How does Jesus meet him in this moment?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- What might it have been like as Simon, James, and John to be a part of this bountiful harvest of fish?
 - What would they have been thinking? Feeling?
- What is revealed about Jesus' character in this passage?
 - What is the good news in how he partners with these fishermen?



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- What can we learn from the example of Simon in this passage?
 - What is encouraging in his example?
 - What is challenging to us in his example?

Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- Tim reminded us that it is important for followers of Jesus to remember who we are in Him.
 - How does Jesus see us?
 - What parts of your identity in Christ do you feel called to lean into this week? Consider purposefully returning to and meditating on this truth over the week ahead.
- Where are you being called as a fisher of men and women this week?

Time of Prayer