

ICEBREAKER

- Where did you live between the ages of 7-12?
- Who was your best friend?
- When did God become more than a word to you?

LEADERSHIP SUMMARY

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. This commission wasn't just for the original followers of Jesus but for everyone who wants to follow Jesus.
2. In the Great Commission there is only one command, "Make disciples!"
3. A disciple is one who learns to do what Jesus does. As followers of Jesus, we will learn to let Him help us conform our lives to His way of living. We will care about what He cares about, go where He goes, love whom He loves, and do what He does. It's a lifelong process. That's why we are here - to learn to follow Jesus.

QUESTIONS

- Read Matthew 4:18-20 **[See if they can quote it.]**

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

1. What two commands do you see in Matthew 4:19 (Come & follow me)?
2. What did Jesus say would happen when they follow Him? (He would make them fish for people. They would attract people to God through their lives.)

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3. What did they do when Jesus called them?
4. Which of the attributes stood out to you the most? Why?
5. Which one challenged you the most? Why?
6. How would you feel if Jesus asked you to drop everything to follow Him?
7. Why do you think the disciples were willing to leave everything to follow Jesus? (The leader should make sure the group hears the main idea of following Jesus as stated in Matthew 13:44-46. The person understands the value of following Jesus is far greater than any earthly thing.)
8. Attribute number two (*Learn to Listen*) talked about repentance. Was that encouraging to you?
9. What hinders you from dropping everything to follow Jesus?
10. What will following Jesus look like on a daily basis for you? (Leader should emphasize the importance of setting aside time daily to be with Jesus, attending a larger service, and being in small group.)
11. Do you think the Lord spoke to you in some way this week?

BREAK INTO GROUPS OF 2-3

1. What are some areas of your life in which you need to invest so that your heart goes where you want it to go?
2. What are you going to invest in for each of these areas?
3. What do you think Jesus wants to change in your life so you can more effectively attract people to God?

MISSION

- What can we do as a group to influence people to follow Jesus?
- What missionary can we support who is influencing people to follow Jesus?

PRAYER

- How can we pray for each other? (emphasize decisions)
- Is there anything about which we can pray for healing for one another?
- In what part of prayer do you hope to grow (pg. 33)?

BEFORE NEXT GATHERING:

- Read *Learn To Be With Jesus* (pgs. 40-56)
- Memorize Matthew 11:28-30

RESOURCES

- Music to Inspire You to Follow Jesus (PDF)