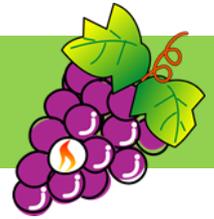




LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 25th June 2023



Luke 5:1-11 "Gone Fishing"

Warm Up

Can you recall the first time you met Jesus? Can a few in the group give their testimony of how they came to know Jesus and have faith in him?

Background and context

This story takes place early on in Jesus' ministry. We begin to experience His charisma and personality and how meeting Him for the first time was unsettling for people. We see how different Jesus was from any other religious teacher of the day .

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. Read v11 again. How big a decision was this? What did it mean practically?
2. Read Luke 14:25-26, 33. What other costs are there in being a disciple? What are we asked to do before we commit to Jesus?
3. Why does Jesus give Simon a new name?(Matt16:18) Where else in scripture do people get new names? Is this significant?
4. Why do you think Simon found the miracle so disconcerting? Is this true of others in scripture? (meeting God causing a trauma.)
5. What is it about humans encountering God that causes such a traumatic event? cf v8.
6. What is surprising about Jesus' response to Simon Peter? Is it normal human behaviour?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



7. Read v10. Peter is given a job by Jesus. This is also our job as disciples. How do you/we go about this job?
8. Are there things that you are hesitant to give up for Jesus? Things you are holding firmly to? If you are able, talk about it in your group or with a close friend. Pray!



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.