

Home Group Questions - January 27, 2019

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1. What is the most difficult favor a friend has ever asked you to do?
2. Read Luke 5:1-11 with your group.
3. Notice that in verse 8, when Peter realizes Jesus' power, his response is to notice his own sinfulness in relation to Jesus.
 - Why do you think he responded in this way?
 - When did you first encounter Jesus, and when did you first realize your own sinfulness in relation to Jesus? (These are probably two separate occasions)
4. When we combine this passage with Mark's account of the story (Mark 1:16-18), we see that Jesus called his first disciples to two simple things: Follow and Fish. He calls them to follow him, and then he will make them go fish for souls.
 - Do you remember the first time you felt compelled to truly follow Jesus?
 - Which part of the calling is more difficult, Following or Fishing? Why?
 - Have you ever been able to "catch a fish" for Jesus (i.e. Have you ever shared Jesus with someone and been able to watch them give their life to him)?
 - How does God equip us to answer the calling?
5. Notice that Simon was not one of the members of the crowd who was there to "listen to the word of God". It appears that he was simply minding his own business, cleaning his nets. But Jesus pursued him and convinced him to follow.
 - What does this tell us about the way God pursues us?
 - What can this show us about how we can pursue others with the Good News?
6. As difficult as it is, we must remember the initial and essential calling that we all have as Christians: To share the Good News with others and to make every effort to convince others to follow Jesus as well.
 - Think of one person in your life that you could share Jesus with. How can you be more intentional about doing this?
 - What is holding you back from answering the call and being more intentional about fishing for people?