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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just oe of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passafes we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to uts original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01 Print the PDF.

-or-

02 Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03 Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally
- Know Jesus Intimately



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Week of March 6th // Conversation: March 12th // **Luke 5:1-11**
“Fishers of Men”

Today, we’re going to study Luke’s account of the first disciples being called. Let’s see how Peter, James and his brother John came to follow the Lord.

pray.

Before you begin your time with the Lord today, take some time to quiet your mind and be still before Him. Ask Him to teach you through the Holy Spirit and draw your attention to the specific truths He has in store for you.

observe.

Using different colors, mark the following keywords in the text that has been printed out for you below. Only mark 1 word at a time as you read through the verses. Then, go back to the beginning and mark the second word, and so on. When you’re finished, you should have read through the selection 3 times.

- 01** Put a ⁺ over every mention of Jesus, including pronouns like he and him.
- 02** Circle every reference to Simon Peter, including pronouns like him, he, and I.
- 03** Underline every mention of a boat(s).

LUKE 5:1-11 (ESV)

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.



interpret.

01 Look at the places where you underlined references to boats. Why did Jesus get into Simon's boat? Do you think it was random that Jesus happened to choose that particular one?

02 What did Jesus instruct Simon Peter to do? Look at where you circled Simon's name.

03 What was Simon Peter's reply?

04 What was the result? How big was the catch?



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bring it together.

As an experienced fisherman, Simon Peter knew the best time to go out for a catch. He had toiled all night long but had brought in nothing. Jesus told him to try at a time of day when the fish were deeper in the water. According to man's standards, the odds of catching a large haul were minimal. At the instruction of Jesus, though, the haul was so large that the nets were breaking, and the boats began to sink! By listening to Jesus, Peter hauled more fish into the boat in a manner of minutes than he did by toiling all night in his own strength.

Immediately, Simon Peter knew that Jesus had done something miraculous. This experienced fisherman was astonished. He fell to Jesus' knees, admitting the fact that he was a sinful man.

Jesus replies that he will now be catching men instead of fish. Simon Peter, James, and John were so changed after this encounter that they left everything – boats, nets, family, homes – and followed Jesus.

When we try to yield results in our own strength, we can't produce much. But when we follow the leading of Jesus and we obey His words, the results can't be contained! The difference is the direction of Jesus. If we are obedient and step out in faith, trusting Him at His word, he will bring about astonishing results. How can we not leave our "nets" and follow Him as well?

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We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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