



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of October 14, 2024

1. Have you ever come “face to face” with a celebrity, superstar athlete, actor/actress, or other person who was obviously “famous”? Tell your story and share a few details. What happened? Were you excited? How were you treated? Would you ever want to see them again?
2. Have someone in your group read Luke 5:1-11. Why do you think Dr. Luke wanted this narrative included in his biography of Jesus? Why is this an important account?
3. According to Matthew 4:17, what was the primary message that characterized Jesus’ preaching ministry? What is the message of “repentance”, and how should churches be emphasizing this same truth today in its preaching and teaching ministries? (see also 2 Corinthians 7:10)
4. If you were in Peter’s place, how do you think you would have responded when Jesus asked you to push out to deep water and go fishing in the middle of the day?
5. Unpack the details of this amazing miracle. What does Luke say about the fish, the nets, and the boats? What is truly eye-popping about this miracle? Was this something small or insignificant?
6. Even though the nets are creaking and the boats are practically sinking— how does Peter respond? What was Peter starting to discover about Jesus? How does this compare with how average people view Jesus today? How do other people in the Bible respond to the holiness of God? (see also Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 9:1-7; Revelation 1:16-18)
7. What does it mean to be “fishers of men?” Is this something that Christians today are still participating in? Why or why not? (see Matthew 28:19-20) How does the great catch of fish symbolize the kind of results Jesus can produce? How long has it been since you “caught someone” for Jesus?
8. Pastor Ryan concluded Sunday’s message with three personal application questions:
 - *Are you humble enough to see your sins?*
 - *Are you honest enough to admit your weaknesses?*
 - *Are you hopeful enough to follow Jesus’ leadership?*

What is the connection between the answers to these questions and the release of Jesus’ power and results into your everyday Christian life? How can you experience more of Jesus’ power in your life this week? Where do you need to listen to His calling in your life?

It’s never too late to listen when Jesus comes calling.