

Grace Group Discussion Guide

For the week of September 16 - 22, 2018

Main Passages and Lessons:

"One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁹Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!' ²⁰And they left their nets at once and followed him. ²¹A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. ²²They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind." (Matthew 4:18-22 NLT)

- God will speak to your heart and call on you to follow Him because He desires a friendship with you.
- As you follow Jesus, you will find others following Him too. They become the "crew" (community) to help support you as you follow Him.
- As we follow Jesus, it's crucial to have the right people as your friends. "Godly people are careful about the friends they choose..." (Proverbs 12:26 NIRV)
- Just as Andrew and Peter left their fishing nets, God may be calling us to leave things in our lives to follow Him.

"Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.'" (Mark 8:34-35 NLT)

- God doesn't call us to be perfect to follow Him, but He will ask us to leave certain things to grow in a relationship with Him.
- This could be extracurricular activities, illegal activities, toxic relationships/friendships, and more. Basically, it can be anything that doesn't honor Him. Following Jesus will cost us something.

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from the bible verse and lessons above?
- How has following Jesus helped you? If you are not following Jesus, how have you seen it help others?
- What do you think God is calling you to leave to follow Him wholeheartedly? If you don't know, take some time to pray and think about it.

Prayer:

- Pray that we would follow through with the things that God may be telling us to let go.
- Pray for family, friends, classmates, and others to know God and to believe the gospel.

Communications:

- We have our Youth Huddle this Wednesday, September 19th, 7:30-8:30pm at Pearlside Main Campus in the MPR. If you can't make it to our Friday service, please come to this pocket. Also, invite your friends.