

Jesus said.

Jesus Said: Part 1

Small Group Questions: Learning to Fish

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Read

Mark 1:17 and 16:15; 1 Corinthians 3:6; Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 3:15; and Acts 20:24

Reflect

The church is founded on the words of Jesus. In Mark 1:17, Jesus says, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” He begins to gather his first disciples: Simon and Andrew, and soon afterward, James and John. All four are fishermen, as generations of their families probably were before them. Jesus changes all of that. He charges them to leave their nets behind and follow him—to give up their current identities. He will be their guide. Where do you find your identity? How willing are you to let Jesus guide and change you?

Pastor Josh Surratt teaches us how to fish:

1. Become aware.
 - a. How much do you take notice of the people around you?
 - b. Think of the different places you go during the week. Who seems to be drowning in some way or another? How willing are you to notice them?
 - i. What might be your role in this person’s journey to Christ?
 - ii. What can you do for them? ...Invite them to church? Lean in to offer support by bringing them a meal or listening to their story? Pray for them? Other?
 - c. Do you feel you know what God’s purpose or mission is for you? Explain.
 - i. How has God shown it to be somewhat different than you thought?
2. Be in prayer.
 - a. Do you make a point of praying for those around you who are going through something difficult?
 - b. How are your prayers reflecting your openness to God’s guidance, and how are they not?
3. Show them you care.
 - a. What do you think of when you hear the term, “evangelist”?
 - b. Who has been most responsible for you coming to Christ?
 - i. How did they take an interest in you and show they care?
 - ii. What effect did it have?
 - c. How tolerant are you of messiness?
 - i. How hard is it to listen to someone’s pain and to get involved in some way?
 - ii. What could you do to show they matter to you? How can you be more intentional?
4. Be willing to share.
 - a. When have you been given an open door to share your faith? What do you think caused this openness?
 - b. What are YOUR reasons for the hope that you have in Christ?
 - c. How hard is it for you to invite people to church?
 - d. Consider writing out the names of those still needing to find Christ and commit to praying for them.

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?