

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals

“Following Jesus into the Kingdom”

Luke 5: 1-26

November 8-9, 2014

For Starters

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or raised questions?
2. What do you think it means to be a Christ-follower?

Digging In

Read Luke 4:18-19 and 43-44

1. What is the central message of Jesus’ teaching?
2. What type of people are coming to Jesus? What are their needs?
3. How does Simon the fisherman respond to Jesus after following his command? Imagine you are Simon, what would be going through your mind?
4. How does Jesus change Simon’s understanding of his vocation and purpose?
5. Read verses 12-14. What do you notice that’s similar with the previous verses?
6. How does the paralyzed man get to Jesus? (vv18-19) How does Jesus respond?
7. What type of authority does Jesus show in healing the paralytic?
8. When Jesus uses the title “son of man” for himself, what is He saying about himself? Read Daniel 7:13-14 for further context here.
9. In all three scenes, a person is at the feet of Jesus. What is similar about these images? What’s different? And how are Jesus’ words to each of them similar?

Bringing It Home

1. Jesus’ followers were first called to “fish for people” (to raise people to life in the Kingdom). Who are the people in your life that may need to hear the good news of the kingdom of God?
2. Jesus is calling all of us to “not be afraid and follow him.” Are you trusting Jesus with your future?
3. When Jesus prays for the kingdom of God to come on earth as it is in heaven what is he praying for? What would it look like to see the kingdom of God come right here into the present?

Digging Deeper

Read Leviticus 14:2-32

How does the cleansing of the leper and restoring the man back into the faith community demonstrate the purpose of Jesus?

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Melanie at myeazel@doorcreekchurch.org.

Adopt-a-teacher tip of the week #4: Ask a teacher to dream up how they would decorate their classroom for the holiday season, then help them do it/buy the supplies! Haven’t adopted a teacher yet? Contact Karrah for more information at kmesser@doorcreekchurch.org