



Following JESUS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 6: Jesus Leads Us to a Purposeful Destination

QUESTION 1

This week we continue our series on following Jesus by looking at the third principle, which reminds us that Jesus leads us to a purposeful destination. Studying the topic, we studied the following scriptures.

Luke 5:3-11 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-19 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

As you read these “follow me” stories, what stands out to you? What do these stories teach you about following Jesus?

QUESTION 2

Jesus leads us toward a purposeful destination, meaning He is taking us somewhere specific. Our focus scripture for the week highlights some of these destinations. **Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”** The word 'become' in the middle of this verse is significant. The Greek word used here means to help us develop and grow into something. Surely, Jesus is leading us to grow and develop in our Christian faith. The Bible often speaks of maturity, reminding us of the importance of maturing in faith. Take a moment as a group to discuss this. Do you agree that Jesus is guiding you to grow both as a Christian and as a person? Reflect on some areas in your life where growth is needed. Also, discuss how people grow—mention some obvious points, but try to look beyond them to explore deeper growth.

QUESTION 3

Our focus scriptures also reveal another destination that Jesus leads us toward. **Matthew 4:19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”** It's a well-crafted phrase when Jesus tells the fishermen that it's now time to fish for people. This verse reminds us that Jesus intends to send us into the world to impact and influence others for His kingdom. Sometimes that looks like introducing people to Jesus in hopes they might accept Him. At other times, it means encouraging believers to follow Jesus more faithfully. I truly believe that each of us has a role in God's plan to reach humanity—that Jesus will lead us to impact and influence others for Him. Please discuss with your group if you agree with this idea. Reflect on any places where you are currently serving to impact and influence others. Share a story about the very first time you realized you had, in fact, impacted someone else for God's glory. What was that experience like for you?

QUESTION 4

Let's take a moment to reflect on the most well-known verse in the Bible. **John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** One of the things revealed in this amazing verse is that the ultimate destination Jesus leads us to is heaven. When you know Jesus and follow Him, you can be confident that you have eternal life, and that when you die, you will be with Jesus in heaven. Trusting that we have eternal life should bring peace to our everyday lives. Are you confident that when you die, you will go to heaven? How do you think the hope of heaven should influence your daily life?