



I Am Made for Community Leader Weekly Devotion

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus Chose His Followers- Matt 4:18-25, Luke 5:1-11

Bottom Line: Jesus invited good friends.

Leader Context: Jesus invited good friends, which we see in how He chose His followers. Jesus invites us to follow Him, just like the disciples, and then we get to be in community with Him and with others! How can we follow Jesus and be “All In”?

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Study

Read- Matthew 4:18-25; Luke 5:1-11

Highlight: Matthew 4:19-20

Jesus didn't need anyone, but He chose to call followers. Jesus extends the same invitation to everyone who believes in Him. What's your story about Jesus calling you into community and who can you share it with?

Reflect- How can you respond to Jesus' invitation to follow after Him?

- Give up something so I have more time available to invest in others?
- Find ways to join in with others as we follow Jesus together?
- Invite someone to join me at church?

Pray: Jesus, thank You for calling me to follow You alongside others in Your community. Help me this week to celebrate, enjoy, and help grow this amazing community.

Prepare: How is Jesus inviting you into (or back into) community? Who can you share your story of community with today?

Leader Tips

Kids need four types of relationships to truly connect to the church and experience belonging there. These relationships include friends, leaders, influencers, and pastors. All of these connections help kids in their discipleship journey. Discipleship happens in the context of relationship. That is why Parkway Church is all about building relationships that build disciples. Check out this video to hear more about how you can help the kids in your groups and homes connect to meaningful community. **Community in Church**