

## Life Group Homework

For the week of April 7, 2019

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### MY STORY

1. Is there something you have dreamed of doing but haven't yet?
2. What are you hoping to get out of this study?

### QUICK REVIEW

3. Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, what caught your attention?

### DIGGING DEEPER

Our mission here as a church is to create opportunities for people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus. In this week's study we will be unpacking this thought and looking at how Jesus was irresistible to the people around Him. Some of these questions may seem obvious, but many people have different ideas as to the meanings of each of these concepts. Therefore, we will be breaking down each piece to get on the same page together.

4. What is an opportunity?
5. If an opportunity is defined as a favorable juncture of circumstance, why would it be something we as a church would want to create?
6. What does it mean to be "fully devoted" to something? I.e. if I am a fully devoted football fan, what does that mean?
7. Based on our answers from the previous questions, what kind of an impact can we have as a church if we create opportunities for people to become fully devoted followers of Christ?

The following passages tell the same story from different perspectives from when Jesus called His disciples.

### Luke 5:1-11 (ESV)

*On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup>And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup>They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the*

*boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup>And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

### Matthew 4:18-22 (ESV)

*<sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

8. From the passage in Luke, why do you think Peter responded to Jesus the way he did?
9. From the Matthew passage, what does Jesus ask Simon and Andrew to do?
10. Thinking back to the questions we talked about earlier in this study, what does it mean to follow?
11. What does Jesus say He will do for them?
12. What does it mean to be fishers of men?
13. If Jesus is inviting us to follow and He is the One who "will make us fishers of men", what is our role in His invitation?
14. What can we do to help others step into this invitation as well?

### TAKING IT HOME

#### Luke 5:27-32 (ESV)

The passage below is referring to Jesus.

*<sup>27</sup>After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>28</sup>And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.*

*<sup>29</sup>And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. <sup>30</sup>And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

15. What was Levi's response to Jesus?
16. Why did the Pharisees grumble about Jesus?
17. In reflecting on what Pastor Craig has been sharing about with the Impact campaign, how does it help us create opportunities for others to become fully devoted followers of Christ?
18. According to the passage above, what did Jesus come to do? How was Jesus taking the opportunity for people to become fully devoted followers of Him?
19. How would starting an online presence help us to reach more of the community and do what Jesus did?

## **CHAIR TIME TOOL**

Pastor Craig has been talking about the Impact campaign and how we want to be a church who loves God and loves others well. Think and pray about the following questions and how you can be a part:

20. How can we be a part of creating opportunities for people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus?
21. Is there anything in your heart that Jesus needs to shift about following Him?
22. How can you partner with the work that Jesus wants to do here through the church?