

Life Group Homework

For the week of May 19, 2019

MY STORY

1. What is your favorite characteristic about Jesus and why?
2. What was your takeaway from last week's study?

QUICK REVIEW

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

DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 4:17-25 (ESV)

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸While 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And 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. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

4. How does repentance help clear our vision in our relationship with Christ?
5. What does it mean for the kingdom of heaven to be at hand?
6. Jesus' call to the first disciples had a radical response. They left their jobs and father and followed Jesus. In what ways has your response to following Jesus been radical?
7. How are you "fishing for men"?
8. Who in your life are you praying for the opportunity to share Jesus with?

TAKING IT HOME

Matthew 4:23-25 (NLT)

²³Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ²⁴News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all. ²⁵Large crowds followed him wherever he went—people from Galilee, the Ten Towns, Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River.

9. What was Jesus announcing?
10. In verse 23 some translations say "Gospel". The NLT says "Good News"; what does this mean?
11. How does a person normally respond to good news? (Not referring to the gospel, just good news in general.)
12. If the Good News is forgiveness being available through repentance and God's Kingdom arriving here on earth, why is it difficult for many to share?
13. In verse 23 what else was Jesus doing?
14. How did the crowds respond to Jesus because of the healings?
15. How would you have responded if you lived during His day and heard about Jesus healing people?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Read all of Matthew Chapter 4 and meditate on the following questions.

16. Why is the Gospel good news?
17. Who can you be praying for to have an opportunity to share the gospel with?
18. How are the temptations Jesus faced an encouragement to your personal journey?
19. How does repentance bring hope to you personally?

One Main Point: The posture of repentance invites HOPE.

Matthew 4:17–25

“Come and Follow Me” (Vs 19)

- This is about movement.
- Into the known
- Into the unknown

“I will show you how to fish for people” ... “Catch people for God.” (Vs 19 TPT)

- Moving away from My Plan B to God’s Plan A is about ME...
- Moving away from My Plan B to God’s Plan A is about OTHERS...
- My life’s purpose PRESUPPOSES...I serve others.

Challenge:

- Follow Him to whatever hope He is waving you into.
- WHO will I serve? HOW and WHEN? What GOOD will I do?
- Follow Him into the uncomfortable! Both the known and the unknown.

Prayers for our city:

- God can and will break the power of addiction in our city, neighbors and our homes as people surrender their hearts to Him.
- All churches will together walk into every room of our city loving God and loving others as ourselves.
- That God’s church will embody hope and invite our city to join us.
- We will be bold and God would open doors of opportunity so that we may offer Christ to the children and youth of our city.