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C A L L E D B Y T H E S A V I O R

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Matthew 4:18–22

Topic(s): Discipleship, Calling, Following Jesus

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus continues to call people to follow him as his students and apprentices.

Application Point: Being a follower of Jesus means we order our lives around three primary purposes: being with God, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Briefly share when you decided to respond to Jesus's invitation to follow him.
3. Dallas Willard defined following Jesus as being an apprentice of Jesus. How does this designation impact your view of being a Christian?
4. Discuss the implications of this statement: "Being a follower or apprentice of Jesus means to practice the way of Jesus and order our lives around three primary purposes: being with God, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did."
5. How can we image Jesus to the world around us (see Genesis 1:26–27; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:5–17)?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Luke 5:27–32

Topic(s): Acceptance, Grace, Mercy, Following Jesus

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus extends the invitation to follow him to everyone, without discrimination.

Application Point: No matter our past or present, no matter how wounded or messed up we may be: nothing has disqualified us from answering Jesus's invitation to be his disciple.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Jesus extends the invitation to follow him to everyone, without discrimination. How can the church ensure that it does not discriminate against those who want to follow Jesus?
3. Discuss this statement by Rachel Held Evans: "What makes the gospel offensive isn't who it keeps out but who it lets in."
4. Have you ever felt disqualified from following Jesus? Why?
5. What would you say to a person who felt disqualified from following Jesus?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Luke 9:57–62

Topic(s): Obedience, Distractions, Faithfulness

Big Idea of the Message: As Jesus calls us to follow him, we must understand that we will face many challenges.

Application Point: Following Jesus requires that we leave our places of comfort and security, refuse to allow excuses to keep us from immediately obeying Jesus, and avoid becoming distracted with other responsibilities and relationships.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What are some challenges you have faced because of following Jesus?
3. How do your places of comfort and security hinder you from following Jesus?
4. What are some things in your life that distract you from keeping your focus on following Jesus and living for his mission?
5. What can you do to overcome the excuses and distractions that sometimes hold you back from living as a disciple?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Mark 5:18–20

Topic(s): Obedience, Faithfulness, Testimony, Story, Fruitfulness

Big Idea of the Message: The calling of Jesus is an exciting journey, but that does not mean every moment of following him results in a thrilling adventure. Most of the time, Jesus calls us to follow him in the ordinary situations of life.

Application Point: We learn to follow Jesus in the ordinary by being faithful and obedient in whatever we do, by testifying to others about the work of God in our lives, and by letting the fruit of our transformed lives be a blessing to others.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How can you live as a follower of Jesus in the everyday stuff of life?
3. Colossians 3:17 states, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." If you could constantly apply this to your life, how would your life change?
4. Who have you shared your story with recently? What keeps us from sharing our story with people more?
5. How has the fruit of a transformed life impacted you?
6. How can we pray for you?