

King and Cross || How to Help People Follow Jesus

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

Jesus assembled His first group of disciples around a very specific mission – to become “fishers of people” ([Mark 1:16-20](#)). Not “follow me and I will make you theologians, Christian counselors, small groups leaders etc.”, but rather, leave your nets, leave your occupation, leave your friends, leave even your family, and come follow Me. The demands are great, but Jesus is a great King and the blessings of knowing Him are far greater! Jesus calls His followers to be fishers of people. That is accomplished not with bait, hooks, or nets, but with a powerful, sometimes confrontational, and compelling message! It is the message we must proclaim today.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What are you thankful for today?
2. Name one person, who is not a family member, that has had the greatest influence in your life.

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend’s teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Who has God put in your life that would benefit from a relationship with Jesus?
2. Read [Mark 1:16-20](#) again. What did Jesus call them to do? How did this call affect their lives? What did it change?
3. Why do you think Jesus chose fishermen to be His disciples instead of more educated alternatives? What can we learn from this about what God wants in a disciple?
4. Does the assignment to “fish for people” involve grace or judgment? Explain.
5. What possible reasons/excuses might someone have for not answering His call to “follow me”?
6. If you have responded to Jesus’ call to “Follow Me”, how has your life been affected or changed?

PRAYER

Go around your group and share about someone you would like to see say “yes” to Jesus and place their faith and trust in Him. As a group, spend time praying over each other. Ask God to give you courage to step out this week and share how Jesus has changed your life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Care Groups will start up the week of February 13th. For more information and to sign-up, go to care.sv.cc
- On the second weekend of every month, we do our We Care food drive. Sun Valley donates the food collected to local partners and food banks. You can find a list of the most needed items listed by campus [here](#). Our next We Care weekend is February 11 and 12.
- Serve Day is coming up on February 18. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community together as a group/family. There are multiple projects to choose from across the East Valley. Serving together as a group is a great way to grow deeper in your friendships while supporting your local communities. For more information and to sign-up, go to serveday.sv.cc
- Summer Global Mission Trip registrations will be closing March 1. If you have been considering joining one of our teams in Nicaragua or South Africa, please be sure to secure your spot now with your \$100 deposit. For more information about our Global Mission Trip opportunities or to register, visit world.sv.cc or contact Ashley Smallwood at asmallwood@sunvalleycc.com