



GOING FISHING
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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

SHARE: A memorable fishing story (or your best "the one that got away" story). If you've never been fishing, share why you've never tried it or what keeps you from wanting to go!

READ: Mark 1:14-15. What does it mean to you personally that God "hasn't forgotten about you"? How would you explain the "Good News" to someone who has never heard it before?

READ: Matthew 4:18-22. The sermon mentioned that Jesus had several encounters with Peter and Andrew before they fully committed to following Him (John 1, Luke 4-5). Why is it encouraging to know that most people need multiple encounters with Jesus before they follow Him? Who were the people in your life who kept "casting the line" until you responded to Jesus? Share their names and how they influenced you.

READ: Mark 1:16-20. Jesus said, "Come, follow me, and I will MAKE you fishers of men." He transforms us for a purpose.

If Jesus looked at you and said, "Come follow me, and I will make you _____," what would you hope He'd say? What would surprise you? How have you seen Jesus transform you since you started following Him? In what ways are you still a "work in progress"?

READ: 2 Timothy 1:6-8. The sermon noted that 95% of Christians never lead another person to Christ, often due to fear of rejection or not knowing what to say. What holds you back from sharing your faith with others? Be honest with the group. How does Paul's encouragement to Timothy in this passage speak to those fears?

READ: 1 Peter 3:15-16. The parable in the sermon described "fishermen" who did everything except actually fish—they had meetings, buildings, training, and committees, but never went fishing. In what ways can we be busy with "church stuff" but miss the actual mission of reaching people? What's one practical way you can "prepare to give an answer" for the hope you have in Christ this week?