

Bringing truth to LIFE-

Wisdom for your life this week.

Jesus came into the world to invite all people back to a relationship to God. Though all are called, each one of us must make our personal response to say, “Yes!” to Jesus. We will always find that going our own way leads us to dead ends and burdens. That is when Jesus offers a way back to the purposeful life we were created for. Say “Yes!” to Jesus.

In this last section of the lesson we will put some appropriate action to the truths God revealed to us in this passage of scripture.

- a. Do you trust Jesus enough to do what He asks even when it doesn’t make sense to you? How can you grow in your trust?

You, like Simon, have probably said to Jesus something like, “I’ve already tried that, and it didn’t work”. In what way will you say to Jesus, “But, if You say so, I’ll again”?

- b. It is natural to feel some fear when Jesus calls you follow Him. What fear do you need to overcome to say, “YES!” to Him?

___ Jesus might ask me to do something that is uncomfortable for me.

___ I have done things that disqualify me from following Jesus.

___ I’m not sure what to do?

___ other

Pray: “Lord, I am not sure that I have much to offer You. But I am willing to follow you and fish for people, if You will use me. Help me gain the help that this LIFE Group offers as I trust and obey You.”



LIFE Group Sermon Study

Week of 1/06/19



Big Idea: This is a great time to take a fresh look at our commitments for the season ahead. Together, we will discover that among all the things we can or will say YES to – financial, physical, emotional, or relational – there is nothing more important than saying YES to Jesus, his promises, and his calling!

“YES!”

Week #1

Say “YES!” To Jesus!

Luke 5:1-11

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¹ “One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.’ ⁵ ‘Master’, Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.’

⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and so both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. ⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, ‘Oh, Lord, please leave me – I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.’ ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, ‘Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!’ ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.” (NLT)

Capture our Attention-

- a. What was a recent decision you needed to make a “Yes” or “No” answer on? How did you determine your final answer?

- b. Share your Take-A-Way from Jed’s sermon last Sunday. What insight did God use to capture your attention? How are you trying to put that insight into practice in your daily life?

Enlighten our Mind- Study the Word of God.

- 1. Read the full Luke 5:1-11 passage. What word, phrase or sentence in the scripture text most captures your attention?

Why do you think God drew your attention to this section of the scripture?

- 2. In Luke 5:1-3 what is happening with Jesus, the crowds and Simon?

When and how did the teachings of Jesus start to attract your attention?

- 3. What do you learn about God/Jesus in Luke 5:1-11?

What is your response to a God like that?

- 4. What do you learn about Simon in his response to Jesus request (Luke 5:4-5)? What do you imagine Peter thought about Jesus to respond as he did?

When has Jesus asked you to do something that didn’t make sense to you? How can you respond more like Simon?

- 5. The miraculous catch of fish showed the disciples something about Jesus more than just His power over nature (Luke 5:4-9). What does this miracle teach you about Jesus?

What was wrong about Simon’s assumption in verse 8?

What is it about your awareness of Jesus’ power and goodness that causes you to want to retreat away from Him? Why?

- 6. Describe the fear that Simon and his partners might have had (Luke 5:9-10)? How does Jesus’ call in verse 11 address their natural fears?

What would your response to Jesus look like in 2019?