



The Church

What Do You Believe? – Luke 5:1-11

Most of the time we talk about the start of the church with the event of Pentecost.

The first time Jesus had followers, not just listeners could also be considered the start of the church.

Churches are notorious for gathering and listening. Not enough churches are known for following.

Churches that just gather and listen seldom move beyond their own _____.

Truth #1 about the church:

1. The church _____ Jesus

2. The church _____ Jesus

When we lay down our preferences, we pick up Jesus' provision.

3. The church _____ Jesus

*Vision and Mission of Community Church – Harrison City
To follow Jesus and lead others to Him*

You are invited to use this paper to take notes during the worship experience on the message and then study it at home or in a small group.

Connect Guide

Discuss:

1. What do you know about church history? Have you picked up any interesting facts from your days as a student in school? What about tidbits you have collected from friends, family or being at Community Church?
2. Read Luke 5:1-11. Do we know what Jesus taught the crowd? What is another “lesson” we can learn from this passage?
3. In verse 5 Peter says, “Because it’s You, I’ll do it.” What is he going to do? Who is the ‘YOU’? Why do you suppose Peter becomes obedient? To what or whom are you obedient?
4. Pastor Rich suggested the event with the nets in Luke 5 caused Peter to see Jesus differently. How do you see Jesus? Has there been a time you saw Him differently than you do now? What (event/life season/etc.) caused that change?
5. For a church to be following, trusting and making disciples for Jesus; the individual members must each be taking those steps. Name one specific way you are following Jesus. Name one area you need to trust Jesus more in. Name one person you are personally or significantly contributing to disciple.
6. This Church – Community United Methodist Church –Harrison City: Are we who Jesus said we should be? Are we doing what Jesus said we should be doing?

Apply:

The church is a gift from God. If you would like to know more about Community, we would like your next steps to include attending an “Intro to Community” gathering. Contact Elizabeth Somes at ESomes@CommunityUMChurch.com.

Prayer: Lord, you called the church your bride. We thank you for loving us when we are unlovable. Help us to be the way you want us to be. Thank you for giving us the Bible, sending Jesus, filling us with the Holy Spirit and allowing us to talk to you through prayer. Amen