

# FUSED

Fellowship

Understanding

Service

Evangelism

Devotion

## Ice Breaker

Have you ever joined an organization, group, or movement that required you to give up something? (Military, Gym, Club) Describe what you had to give up, how easy or hard it was, and why you had to give it up.

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**What Does it Mean to Follow Jesus?**

*FUSED in Luke*

## Opening Prayer

As you begin, spend time with your groups by asking God to help you have a devoted heart. Meditate on the ways in which devotion is divided or difficult to live out. Ask God to reveal the depths of your hearts.

## Discussion

1. When you think about devotion, or being devoted to something, what kinds of ideas or images come to mind? Why do you think of those, specifically?
2. As Luke 5 begins, Jesus is moving about from place to place in his ministry and he's teaching large crowds of people, yet we quickly begin to see two groups emerge: the crowd, and followers or "disciples." How would you explain to someone the difference between someone who is taught, and someone who follows?
3. **Read Luke 5:1-11 together as a group.** How would you describe the interaction between Jesus and Simon (Peter) in verse 4-5? Can you remember a time where you were asked to do something that you did not want to do? What do you think Jesus would have done if Simon had politely declined his request?
4. As Simon and the others come back to shore, they are deeply moved with feelings of unworthiness at what Jesus had just done. As Josh mentioned in his message on Sunday, it would have been perfectly normal for Simon and the others to thank Jesus, become a fan and go reap the rewards selling all those fish. Lots of people are fans of Jesus. But instead, the text tells us they "left everything and followed him." When you think of the word "everything," what comes to mind? What would it look like for you to leave "everything?"
5. In several places, Jesus portrays the worthiness of following him and the Kingdom of God. Read the following passages as a group and look for the everythingness of each text: **Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 10:17-22; Mark 12:41-44.** In Sunday's message, Josh said that "Following Jesus Means Everything." What do you think that phrase means? What does it mean for Christians? What does it mean for non-Christians?
  - a. In a moment of raw authenticity, reflect on Sunday's question: What is the something that holds you back from giving Jesus everything? How is the Holy Spirit convicting you today?
6. If you are a follower of Jesus, reflect on your life thus far. What have you already given up in order to follow Jesus with your life? What has it cost you? Has it been worth the cost? Why or why not?
7. Does the everythingness of following Jesus intimidate or excite you? Why?

## Closing Prayer

As you close your group time, have each person share one thing that has been holding them back from giving Jesus everything? What do you find is hardest to give up? Go around the room and pray for each person to find the strength to surrender.