



## LEADER PREP

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students think about what it really means to follow Jesus and to take a step in the direction of following Jesus with their lives

### MAIN POINT

**When you really understand who Jesus is, it changes everything.**

### MAIN SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:18-20 + John 10:10 NLT

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Between the news, social media, and relationships with different people, your students can discover a million different definitions of what it means to be a Christian. But sometimes that also means if they don't fit in a certain box they can wonder if following Jesus is for them. As you discuss what it looks like to follow Jesus, help students differentiate between aesthetic preferences, cultural practices, and behavior modification versus believing in, following after, and being in a relationship with Jesus.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### GET THEM TALKING

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.
- What are some QUESTIONS you've googled this week?
- If you have a question about something, where is the first place you go to find the answer?
- How do you think most people think following Jesus will affect their lives?
- How might really following Jesus be different from what others might expect?

### INTO THE WORD

**READ MATTHEW 4:18-20 and answer the following questions:**

1. Make a list as a group: what are ways that following Jesus changes our lives?
2. How do you think the disciples would define what it means to really "follow Jesus"?
3. How would you define for a friend what it means to really follow Jesus?

**READ JOHN 10:10 and answer the following questions:**

4. Based on what Jesus said, what would living "life to the full" look like for you?
5. What's something that you think could get in the way of you doing that?

### NEXT STEP

What is one next step you can take when it comes to following Jesus?

### PRAYER GUIDE

We are going to close in prayer.  
Anyone have any prayer requests?

## MAIN SCRIPTURES

Scripture is provided for convenience, but we prefer you and your students open your Bibles to read the Scripture. This helps your students learn how to find Scripture in their Bibles and where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

### MATTHEW 4:18-20 NLT

<sup>18</sup> One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. <sup>19</sup> Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” <sup>20</sup> And they left their nets at once and followed him.

### JOHN 10:10 NLT

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

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## LEADER CORNER + NOTES