

# WEEK 2

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE



### THIS WEEK

#### **BIG IDEA**

Your friends can help your faith grow.

#### **BIBLE**

Luke 5:1–11; Proverbs 13:20;  
Psalm 145:8–9

### **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

This week, we'll hear a story of when Jesus started building his dream team by inviting his first followers to join him. Jesus' invitation changed the lives of these men and helped them grow closer to God, a reminder of how **your friends can help your faith grow**.

#### **Let's Break the Ice // Optional Discipleship Moment Follow-Up:**

- Share about a fun or meaningful moment you've had with a friend. How did it impact your relationship?
- **Optional: Last week, we challenged one another to share God's love with someone during our week. Does anyone have any stories they want to share about how that went?**

#### **Bible Study:**

- Read Together: As a group, read Luke 5:1-11
  - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: Luke 5:1-11 (Page 1004)*

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Before we ask any specific questions, what stands out from this passage and why?
- If you were Simon, how would you have reacted to Jesus coming and telling you to put your nets back in the water?
- How do you typically respond when others try to correct you lovingly?
- Do you think it's important to challenge your friends in healthy ways like Jesus did with Simon?
- Why might it be difficult to correct and open ourselves to correction in relationships, even if we know that we should?

#### **Make it Real:**

- What is one area of your life where a healthy, God-centered relationship could help you become more like Jesus? Where do you need accountability in your life?

#### **Group Activity:**

Pass out the reflection handout and give everyone time to complete it on their own. When you're done, ask if anyone wants to share their answers.

#### **Prayer**

##### **Share Requests:**

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*

##### **Group Prayer:**

- Ask God to help your group become the type of friends with one another that helps grow one another's faith.
- Ask that God will give us the humility to accept correction from others so that we can be more like Jesus.

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**(Grow Deeper – Optional) Discipleship Moment:**

**Christ-Centered Conversation:** Talk to someone in your life who's relationship with God you admire. Ask them to share what God is doing in their life.

**Partner Check-In:** Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.