

FISHING

Group Guide:
Week 1

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What is your favorite thing about Rhode Island?
- If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?
- Discipleship Check-In

INTRODUCTION

Making disciples or telling people about Jesus can feel like something only “super” Christians do. What we see in today’s passage is that when we say yes to Jesus, following him and making disciples go hand and hand. For the next six weeks, we will be on a journey through the Bible to see what it means for us to participate in disciple making. Let’s take time to pray that the Spirit might give us the wisdom to understand who are called to be and power to face any misconceptions or fears we have about sharing the gospel.

OBSERVE EXAMINE THE TEXT FOR YOURSELF

READ: Mark 1:14-20

DISCUSS:

- What are your initial observations about the passage?
- Who are the main players in this passage and what can you tell about their character?

INTERPRET WHAT DO YOU THINK THE AUTHOR IS SAYING

DISCUSS:

- In verse 15, Jesus says, “repent and believe in the gospel.” How would you describe the gospel to someone who has never heard it before?
- What is the significance of Jesus telling Simon and Andrew that he will make them become fishers of men?
- Jesus calls each of the disciples to follow him. What do you think Jesus means?

APPLY HOW DOES WHAT THE AUTHOR IS SAYING APPLY TO YOUR LIFE

DISCUSS:

- What if you met Jesus tomorrow and he called you to follow him AND become a fisher of men, how would you respond to each piece of this invitation?
- When we say yes to Jesus we are also saying yes to sharing about him. During this series, we are going to be intentional about thinking through who in our lives we can pray for, love, and serve in hopes of introducing them to Jesus. Let's all take a couple minutes to write down 3 people in our lives who don't know Jesus and pray for them every day this week.

PRAY

Praise the Father for being faithful to his promises and sending his Son so that broken sinners like us can know him. Praise Jesus for inviting us into relationship with himself and inviting us into the unfamiliarity of making disciples. Praise the Spirit who is our power when we step out in faith to witness. Pray that God would remind us this week of how he saved us and how we can be intentional about inviting others into the same salvation.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?