

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“When you were in elementary school, what did you want to become when you grew up?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. We know from the other gospel accounts that Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John knew about Jesus before He called them to become His followers. They were simple men who made their living fishing in the lake of Galilee. Jesus said, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Jesus was saying that if they would follow Him, He would change them into men who could help other people follow Jesus. Their part was to follow Jesus. Jesus’ part was to make them, to change them, into men who could help other people follow Jesus.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 1:16-20** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - What do you think is the difference between knowing about Jesus and following Jesus?
 - When did you become serious about following Jesus?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - Who did God use to help you really begin following Jesus?
 - What are some ways Jesus has changed you since you started following Him?
 - What does God want you to do to help someone you know to follow Jesus?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

* If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”
** Reading from different translations often helps.