

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is your favorite place to go to for a vacation?”* *

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. Earlier in this chapter we will look at today, Jesus had sent His twelve disciples out two by two, announcing the Kingdom of God. This is what happened after they returned and reported to Jesus what had happened.

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 two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 6:30-44**. **

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?
 - How might you have responded to uninvited people showing up at your vacation spot?
 - The disciples advised Jesus to send the hungry people away to buy themselves food. What would the disciples have missed if Jesus had taken their advice?
 - Instead of advising Jesus what to do, what else could the disciples have said to Jesus?
 - How have you given God advice or “suggestions” when praying about a need?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - What does Jesus think about taking time off to get away and rest?
 - What do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to learn from this experience?
 - What is an example of how God used you to do something that you considered impossible?

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.