

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK FIVE

FOLLOW- LIVING A LIFE OF PURPOSE

ICEBREAKER: What will you do over Spring Break?

STORY: Who is sharing their story next time? 3 positives and 3 negatives that have impacted who you are today.

LEADER: We are finishing our Sermon Series *Follow* and exploring what it really means to follow Jesus and have a relationship with Him.

READ: Matthew 4:18-20

QUESTION: When have you been unexpectedly invited to do something that was a challenge or risk for you?

QUESTION: What does Jesus' ask "Follow Me and I'll make you fishers of men" say about where our purpose is found?
(God's design for our purpose and is found in reaching others for Him.)

QUESTION: What personal resistance do you feel or think about when it comes to the *denying yourself* part of this? What is the most challenging aspect of denying yourself?

LEADER: Patrick talked about NOT following your Dreams and Passions. What do you think or feel about that?

READ: Luke 19:10

LEADER: Peter and Andrew were going about their day-to-day lives when Jesus invited them to join Him as fishers of men. What do you think was more compelling about this ask – following Him or fishing for men?

QUESTION: Why are we resistant to talk about our faith with others? How have you been able to speak about your faith with friends?

QUESTION: What are some natural opportunities you have at work, with friends, or in organizations you are part of, to be intentional about caring for others that could earn the right to be heard?

LEADER: Your story is one of the most powerful ways to share your faith. It includes your life before Christ, how you met Christ, and your life since you met Christ.

Why is telling our stories so effective in sharing our faith with others? Would someone volunteer to do that?

READ: Matthew 28:19-20 & 2 Corinthians 5:20

QUESTION: What doesn't Jesus promise us as we carry out His purpose? *(Life will be easy, you'll get everything you want, all your dreams will come true)*

QUESTION: What does Jesus say our purpose is? *(Ambassadors for Him in reaching others)*

What are the four components in following God's purpose in our lives? *(Invite, pray, care for, share your story)*

LEADER PRAYER: *God help us take our eyes off of ourselves and the myth of the "good life" so we can follow you in the life of purpose You have designed for us. Show us the people You want us to pray for and reach out to even this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

LEADER: Who will share their story next week? Baptism is coming up Palm Sunday Weekend. Pray about getting baptized this Spring.