

# I HAVE DECIDED

## DAY 4 Read Luke 5:10-11; 27-28 focusing on the Invitation to Follow.

How would you describe Jesus' invitation to these guys to follow Him? What do you think they had in mind and why such a quick decision? What does it mean that they "left everything" and what would that mean for you right now?

How do you understand Jesus' invitation to you to follow Him? Pray for clarity.

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Part 4

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## "Discipleship 101 – Peter & Matthew"

Luke 5:1-11; 27-31

*"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23 NLT*

## DAY 5 Read Matt.4:18-22; 9:9-13 focusing on Matt's Version of the Call.

What details does Matthew include that Luke leaves out? What do you think made the biggest impression on these first disciples about meeting Jesus? What would these guys tell you right now about following Jesus? What's your biggest blessing & challenge to following Jesus right now? Pray for simple and immediate obedience to the call of Jesus.

## Discipleship 101...

### 5 Lessons on Fishing & Following from Jesus

#### 1. Jesus meets you right where you are.

*"One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets."* Lk.5:1-2 NLT

*"Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth."* Lk.5:27 NLT

#### 2. Jesus uses your ordinary to make His extraordinary point.

*"Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there."* Lk.5:3 NLT



*“Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi’s fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them.”* Lk.5:29 NLT

### **3. Jesus knows how to do what you do better than you do.**

*“When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.”* Lk.5:4-5 NLT

### **4. Jesus goes to the core of who I think I am to who He wants me to become.**

*“When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.”* Lk.5:8-9 NLT

*“But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus’ disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with such scum?” Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.”* Lk.5:30-31 NLT

### **5. Jesus is more interested in my connections than collections.**

*“His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.”* Lk.5:10-11 NLT

*“Many of Levi’s fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them...”* Lk.5:29 NLT

The Decision to Follow Jesus Launches You into God’s  
Deeper Life of Fruitfulness & Fulfillment

## **DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE \_\_\_\_\_ Jan.24-29, 2022**

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

### **DAY 1 Read Luke 5:1-3; 27-28 focusing on The First Disciples.**

How would you describe the main differences between Simon Peter and Matthew? How are they similar? Think deeper about Jesus meeting us exactly where we are. Where were these guys in their lives and how is this “perfect timing” to meet Jesus? How does Jesus continue to meet you right where you are? Pray for eyes to see Jesus right where you are – talk to Him.

### **DAY 2 Read Luke 5:4-7; 29-30 focusing on The Interaction with Jesus.**

Compare & contrast how Jesus interacts with these guys – what’s the same & different? What does this show you about Jesus? Would you say you’re more like Simon Peter or Matthew and in what way & why? How have you seen Jesus use your “ordinary stuff” (boat, booth, home, etc) to do show you some extraordinary things? Pray & give Jesus complete ownership of your....

### **DAY 3 Read Luke 5:8-10; 30-31 focusing on The Reactions to Jesus.**

Why do you think Simon Peter reacted to Jesus the way he did? What did he recognize about himself and Jesus here? What different reactions happened at Matthew’s house? When did you recognize who Jesus really is and why you need Him in your life? Pray and thank God for His amazing grace to you. →