



LESSON DISCUSSION GUIDE

GRADE 5&6

April 3 & 4, 2021 Weekend

MAIN POINT:

Identify what you need to give up to fully follow God.

MAIN VERSE:

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. (Matthew 4:18-22)

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

- 1. If you had to evacuate your house as quickly as possible and you could only take one thing with you, what would it be and why?** *(Discuss and share your own answer.)*
- 2. What would be one of the hardest things for you to have to give away out of the things that you own? Why would that be so hard?** *(Encourage your child to answer, and share what would be hardest for you to give away, and why.)*
- 3. What would be one of the easiest things for you to have to give away out of the things that you own? Why would that be so easy?** *(Encourage your child to answer, and share what would be easiest for you to give away, and why.)*
- 4. Have you ever had to give something up to help someone out? If so, tell about it. If not, why not?** *(Discuss and give your own example if you can.)*
- 5. Read Matthew 4:18-22 (printed on top of this guide). What do you think these verses are talking about?** *(The disciples were willing to give up their jobs and their families to follow Jesus. They were ready to give up everything they had, including their careers, and the people they were close to, in order to be His followers.)*

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6. **What's something you feel like you need to give up to fully follow God? Why did you choose that?** *(Encourage your child to put some thought into this, and be honest with them about something you may need to give up, to fully follow God.)*
7. **What would your life look like if you gave that thing up? Why do you think it would look that way?** *(Discuss.)*
8. **What can you do to start to give that thing up? How can you do it?** *(As you reflect on the answers to questions six and seven, come up with some ideas to help move toward giving "that thing" up. Be specific, set realistic goals, and hold each other accountable.)*

FAMILY PRAYER:

Ask your child how you can pray for them.

- What is their biggest concern this week?
- Where do they see God working in their life?

Pray with and for your child.

- Pray that your child would want to follow Jesus.
- Pray that they would be open to, and listen for, anything He's asking them to give up.
- Pray that they would ask God's help in giving up anything that's standing in the way of them following Him with their whole hearts.