

CONNECT GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Like Jesus #3 – Fish Like Jesus

BEGIN WITH YOUR HEART

Sharing the Good News about Jesus, like Jesus. You may find that people in your group don't have an answer to the last two questions. Encourage those who have a story to share, to share it and be prepared with a story of your own. If there is a lot of silence – ask the group to observe and discuss why few people shared the gospel with them and why we are reluctant to share the good news about Jesus with others? I hope you hear some positive stories, but don't run away from the awkwardness if you don't. Use that awkwardness as a teachable moment.

A LOOK IN GOD'S WORD (some key ideas about Jesus and the Spirit)

Three ways to fish like Jesus: Don't settle for easy answers. Ask follow up questions when necessary or set the example for a little deeper thinking and vulnerability by opening up about your own fears and failures in this area. Don't stop at GUILT, work toward positive steps forward.

Patient Pursuit: Like Jesus, how can we show patience in our pursuit of people who are far from Jesus? Point out how our patient pursuit can actually bring hope to someone who feels hopeless.

Fear of the Lord: A core question for each of us to wrestle with here, "Who do I love and fear more, man or God?" How do my actions reflect that?

MY LIFE- OUR MISSION

Prayer – Care - Share: Where to begin showing and telling someone about Jesus? Start with a plan to pray specifically and look to move quickly to a plan to care for them. When God opens the door, simply share what Jesus means to you or invite them to join you in learning more about Him.

Christ Community Church Announcements

Mind the Gap | At Christ Community, our gap is the number of volunteers we need to step off the platform and serve within our church each week. We need your gifts and talents! Staff and volunteers are available in the atrium to share more information and answer your questions.

Congregational Meeting Today! Come to G1 at 4:30p. As a church family, we will hear testimony from others about God's work in and through us. We also invite God to guide us with wisdom in reviewing and approving our FY Budget. Childcare available for nursery-5th grade.

Latino Family Camp is coming! This annual event will be on AUG 25-27 at Hidden Acres in Dayton. They expect record numbers this year and are encouraging people to sign up early. Contact Renato Jimenez at renato.jimenez@summitefc.com or 712-660-3157 for more information.

White Cross | Monday, MAY 8, 9:30a - 2:30p in Connect 8/9. Help prepare necessary supplies for Tandala Hospital, Elikya Training Center, and Global Fingerprints Orphans we support in Congo. All are welcome. Come for as long as can. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy fellowship on our lunch break. Questions? Contact Annette Miller [quiltbear@gmail.com or 232-9162]



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People love to tell fishing stories. Briefly answer the following questions:

- 1) Tell your favorite fishing story (catching that first bluegill, deep sea fishing (probably not in Iowa), etc.
- 2) Did someone personally share the gospel with you before you got saved? Describe what that was like.
- 3) Share about a positive experience of you sharing the gospel with someone else.

A LOOK IN GOD'S WORD

Review: Based on the example of Jesus with Peter in the boat, what are three ways that we can fish like Jesus?

- Read [Matthew 4:19](#) out-loud together. How is it worded differently than [Luke 5:10](#)?
- What is the cause and effect in [Matthew 4:19](#)? Whose job is it to follow Christ? Whose job is it to make us fishers of men?
- If you are not actively fishing for men, what might that say about your following Christ? What can you do to remedy that?
- One of the ways that we connect with people like Jesus did is to patiently pursue them. Read [Genesis 3:9](#) together. How does this first Scriptural example of evangelism demonstrate God patiently pursuing sinful mankind?
- In the midst of death and the curse, what hope did [Genesis 3:15](#) and [3:21](#) offer to sin-stained mankind?
- When we experience God's holiness and power, our proper response is to fear God. Why then did Jesus say to Peter, "do not be afraid?"
- "Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling" ([Psalms 2:11](#)) could sum up Peter's thoughts and feelings as he left his boat and followed after Jesus. What is the meaning of this psalm, and how can you apply it in your life?
- Is there ample challenge in your Christian life, or are you going through the motions? How would a focus on "catching men" affect your sense of living a life of risk and adventure?

MY LIFE- OUR MISSION

MY LIFE | Connecting people to life-defining relationships in Christ is a team effort. Share about a non-Christian friend that you want to reach out to and have someone else in the group join you in committing to pray for them and your outreach to them.

YOUR FAMILY | Having a worn welcome mat is difficult if we have built a moat around our house by being too busy, never inviting people over, or never just gabbing with neighbors or other sports parents, etc. Decide as a family who you would like to reach out to together, and plan a first step.

OUR MISSION | Our strategy at Christ Community is to gather, connect, and serve. We should never assume that everyone who visits us on Sunday are believers. In the weeks ahead, make it a point to try and connect with one new person in the Atrium before you leave. See where God might lead you.