

Your Life for His Glory

Week of January 3, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap: Read Luke 5:1-11

Your life is a testimony of the gospel; and God is calling you to act in obedience. That act will probably be small, like when Jesus asked Peter to push out from shore, or to drop his nets on the other side of the boat, but those small acts of obedience lead to great acts of God. When Peter pushed out from shore, he started a journey of following Jesus. When he dropped his nets where Jesus said, he saw a great act of God. We need to trust in what Jesus says over what we can see. And we need to obeu God, even when it's inconvenient. God has a great calling for you in 2016; a calling that will make a Kingdom impact in your world. And everything that has happened in your life up until now has prepared you for this calling. God doesn't waste a moment. He doesn't want us to waste our moments either. It's time to push out from shore and see what God will do. Don't you want all that God wants for you?

Pray

Jesus, up until now, I've tried to be safe, but I want all that you have for me. Let my life be a testimony to you in 2016. Open my eyes to see your calling, and give me the strength and the courage to follow you with small acts of obedience, trusting what you say over what I see.

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Getting Started

- What are your New Year's Resolutions? How are you doing in keeping them?
- How did God act in or direct your life in 2015?

Listening Deeply

- 1. What are some of the things you know God wants for you? (If you don't know, use the Bible to see what God wants for his people.) Are you receiving those things from him? If not, why?
- 2. Have you ever had a "big" experience with God where you knew exactly what it was he wanted you to do? How often do you think those happen?
- 3. Do you see God in big ways when you practice small acts of obedience? What are some examples of your obedience, and of how God showed up in great ways?
- 4. Have you ever said "NO" when God asked you to do something because it was inconvenient? What happened?
- 5. What did Pastor Tally mean by this statement: "Trust what Jesus says over what you can see." Feel free to share examples from your life or from scripture.
- 6. God will not waste a moment of your life...what skills and experiences do you have that can be used right now in Kingdom work? How and where will you use them?

Living Wide in Jesus

As followers of Jesus, we are either driving people away from the Gospel or bringing them closer. What are you doing? Are you following God with daily small acts of obedience? Take some time this week to talk with God about what he wants you to do, and where he wants you to serve in 2016 to help bring his love to our lost and broken world.

Take inventory of your skills and experiences and then visit <u>SevernRun.com/get-involved</u> to see where you can get connected at Severn Run.