

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Our Mission”

Luke 5:1-11

Passage Setting: Luke is one of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Because he is a doctor, we see more details in this book. One of his points of emphasis is to show that all of humanity are sinners in need of salvation, and Jesus is that Savior, the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

Summary: Our EM mission is the Great Commission in Matthew 28. Before we make disciples, we have to ask ourselves if we are disciples of Jesus. We see that disciples of Jesus see Him as Teacher, Master, Savior, and Leader. We make disciples through our conduct, vocation, evangelism, teaching, and love, while relying on His grace and wisdom. We do this through the One who first pursued, disciplined, and saved us.

Central Truth: “Let us first BE disciples and then MAKE disciples by BEHOLDING the Discipler.”

Sermon Points:

1. Being Disciples
2. Making Disciples
3. Beholding the Discipler

Opening Question

1. What is the vision and mission of our EM? Why is it important for us to know this?

(EM Vision: The richness of the gospel manifested in the hearts and minds of God’s people

EM Mission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” -Matthew 28:19-20a

It’s important to know who we are to know what we are called to do and where we are called to go. We should know our values, vision, and culture to navigate through this world. Our vision and mission should not change, whether we have different elders, deacons, servants, and members. Our mission is the Great Commission, and that has been the mission of the church since Jesus’ resurrection.)

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We will take a look at the EM Mission by looking at Luke 5:1-11. Please read the passage together.

1. Which aspects of being a disciple are most challenging to you?

(Being a disciple means that we see Jesus as Teacher, Master, Savior, and Leader.

Teacher (vv. 1-3)- We listen to His words. We study the words of God in the Scriptures to know His heart and His will for us.

Master (vv. 4-5)- We obey His commands. We obey even when we disagree or are reluctant. We trust in God's wisdom and God's ways over our wisdom and our ways.

Savior (vv. 8-10a)- We believe that He is God. He is Lord over all creation. He is Lord over our lives and deserves all honor and glory. We also believe that He is our holy God. He is perfect, pure, and transcendent.

Leader (v. 11)- We follow Him at all costs. We leave everything to follow Jesus. This means that we leave our earthly hopes, dreams, and agendas, while also leaving our sin, shame, condemnation, idolatries, and death. We follow Him into life, hope, peace, and joy.)

2. What are some lessons about making disciples in our passage that stuck out to you?

(Catch men for life- We catch men for salvation. We don't make disciples of ourselves. We make disciples of Jesus, so they can be saved and have everlasting life.

Bait- We are the bait for the non-Christians around us. We live with so much integrity, joy, peace, grace, mercy, and excellence in our work, relationships, perspectives, and pleasure that it attracts the world.

Calling behind our calling- Jesus affirms the dignity of work by talking about fishermen. But he is also teaching us that there is a greater calling to our work: His kingdom.

Evangelism- We are called to share Christ with others. That is part of our "fishing." This is the basis of baptizing the world in the name of our God.

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Teaching- As disciples learn about Jesus, we are called to teach the commands, ways, and truth about Christ. That is part of our discipleship.

Relationship- Jesus doesn't push his disciples away. He uses them and loves them. He knows his disciples are going to fail them and yet he still brings them everywhere and fellowships with them. He needs their presence at times.

Service- Jesus washing the disciples' feet shows us that this is the posture of our hearts as we disciple others. We're serving them, investing our time, energy, and strength in order to love them well.

Rest in God's power and plan, His will and when- From our passage, we see that He is the One who gives the growth. He is the One who allows us to make a "great catch." We are to do the hard work of casting our nets, but we trust in His sovereignty.)

3. What does this show us about the grace and love of Christ?

(Jesus is the Ultimate Disciple. He taught the Word and was the Word Himself. He obeyed to the point of death on the cross. He trusted in the Father, even if it meant condemnation and humiliation on the cross. He left everything to pursue and save us.

Jesus is the Ultimate Disciple. He worked in and through His broken and imperfect disciples. He served them, washed their feet, and died for us. He didn't wait for us to pursue Him like other disciples/rabbis, but He pursued us first. He called us first.

In the Great Commission, we see Jesus give us the promises of His power and His presence before and after our call. In John 21, He is our hope of salvation, restores us, and empowers us to disciple others.)

Final Thoughts: *Jesus gives the Great Commission to His church, and that is our mission as an EM. Before we make disciples, we have to ask ourselves if we are disciples ourselves. And after we have experienced the joy, peace, grace, and life of being Christ's disciples, we are able to make disciples of all the nations, in His power, presence, and praise.*