



LUKE CHAPTER 5 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Are you a person who typically makes excuses or hates excuses?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Luke 5:1-39)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Luke 5:1-11

- What's inspiring and convicting about Peter's response to Jesus' command to the disciples to let down their nets?
 - Peter could have come up with a variety of excuses for why it didn't make sense to follow what Jesus said but He doesn't. He is

intentional and purposeful in seeking to do what Jesus says, nothing more and nothing less.

- In what ways do you follow Jesus like Peter does here? In what ways does your life need to better reflect the actions of Peter here?

- These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

- Consider the following statements from The Enduring Word Bible Commentary. How do these realities inspire or motivate you to trust that the heart of God is for you and for this world?

- At Your word, there was light.
- At Your word, the sun, moon, stars, and planets were created.
- At Your word life came to this earth.
- At Your word creation is held together and sustained.
- At Your word empires rise and fall; history unfolds His great plan.

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Luke 5:12-26

- What were some of the things that the leper and the paralyzed man had in common and how do you think that you and I are similar to them?

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- Notice the Pharisees response in verse 21 to the man who was paralyzed being healed. In what ways can you and I be like them?

- At times, we can focus so much on “getting things right” or on “having things make logical sense,” that we lose sight of who God is by trying to make Him be who we want Him to be.

Luke 5:27-39

- What was so surprising about Jesus choosing Matthew to be one of his disciples and what do you think your response would have been if you were one of the religious leaders in that time?

- Matthew was a tax collector, and he was hated among his own people and for good reason because he was cheating them. The fact that Jesus chose such a “scoundrel” to closely follow Him would have been extremely surprising. The second part of this question is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
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- Why do you think that Jesus says what He does in verses 33-39 right after He calls Matthew the tax collector and after He heals the leper and the paralyzed man?
 - What Jesus says in verses 33-39 would have been a direct hit to the religious leaders. He is basically letting them know that they are not teachable, coachable, or moldable and uses the wineskins and old and new cloths as an illustration to let them know this.
 - In what ways do you live an open-handed life towards God where you are teachable, coachable, and moldable?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.

- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Luke chapter 6)

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