

“What’s the Hold Up?” Group Guide

Series: The Curriculum

Passage: Matthew 4:18-25

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ICEBREAKER:

Are you on social media? Who do you follow closest and why?



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. Read Matthew 4:18-25 in multiple translations including The Message paraphrase. What catches your attention?
2. How might the rabbis of the local synagogue have received this message?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

3. When you hear the word “follow”, what does that mean to you? Compare that to the devotion shown by these first disciples.
4. Imagine being chosen by Jesus to become His disciple along the shores of the Galilee. How would that have made you feel? You HAVE been chosen as a disciple of Jesus. How does this make you feel?
5. Take some time to reflect on your commitment to daily following Jesus as His disciple. What have you released to the Lord?



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

6. As a group, brainstorm what “casting a net” looks like in the day-to-day activities of your lives.
7. Are you aware of any “fish” that God might have placed in your life so that you might share the good news of the Kingdom with them? Share their names and pray for them as a group.