

## LIFE Group Study: Week 7



### Checking In

Which of Jesus' disciples do you relate to the most and why? What do you feel God wants you to do in your life? Does this differ from what you desire to do, and if so, how?



### Memory Verse

*"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."*  
Psalm 37:4



### Outline

We can learn a lot about our relationship with God by studying the life of Peter. Peter learned that being a disciple requires one primary qualification: a willingness to follow. Read Luke 5:1-11.

- \_\_\_\_\_ me.

When Peter recognized the divine power of Jesus, the knowledge of his own sinfulness brought him to his knees, trembling with fear. Jesus responded to Peter's act of worship and submission with two phrases: a reassurance and a call.

After Jesus died, was buried, and rose from the grave, He appeared to His many followers, including Peter and the other disciples. After the initial excitement had passed, the disciples wondered, "What now?" Read John 21:1-22.

- I am going \_\_\_\_\_.
- Do you \_\_\_\_\_ Me?

Jesus asked this question of Peter. Peter answered that he did love Jesus. Even though he had failed, Jesus did not demote or terminate him. Peter, in his humbled state, once again heard the call of the Master: "Follow Me." In our culture we like to

follow entrepreneurial and self-determined people. Leadership from God's perspective is very different; He requires only a willingness to follow Jesus Christ.

As you examine the specific calling of Jesus Christ on your life, consider three important lessons from the call of Peter in John 21:1-23.

1. When the Lord offers an opportunity to change futility into fruitfulness, be open to change.
2. When He plans to move you in a new and challenging direction, expect a period of deep soul-searching.
3. When He makes it clear that you are to follow Him in this new direction, focus fully on Him and refuse to be distracted by comparison with others.



### **Short Video Material**



### **Discovery Questions**

1. Do you feel Jesus is saying, "Follow Me" to you? Why or why not? If so, how have you responded to this call?
2. What is your calling? Have you thought or prayed about it? Are you living out your calling, or are you doing something else?
3. In the face of disappointment and uncertainty, how do you respond? Do you return to what is familiar? Or do you keep following where you feel God is leading even though things aren't going as you thought they would?
4. Are you open to change, or do you resist it? When have you experienced the Lord changing something in your life that replaced futility with fruitfulness?
5. Have you experienced a period of deep soul-searching? What brought about this experience? What did you learn from it?



## **Putting It Into Practice**

1. With your LIFE Group, share the calling you feel God is placing on your life. They are there to help you stay focused, provide accountability, and to pray for you.
2. Attend Celebrate LIFE Journey to help find your God-given purpose.



## **Prayer Direction**

In your LIFE Group, pray for each other's calling. If someone hasn't discovered their God-given calling, pray for them that God would reveal it to them.

# **Congratulations on Finishing the Study!**



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