



Trusting When God Says Change is Coming

Change isn't easy! It creates tension in our thoughts, emotions, plans and schedules. We feel out of balance. But God can use these seasons to move us into new spiritual growth and maturity, as He does with Simon the fisherman.

1 - Outside or Inside? - Go around your group and each member respond to this question - in general, do you prefer being outdoors or indoor activities? Give an example of your favorite things to do, outside or inside...

2 - Watch the Video for Week 9 with Pastor Scott

3 - Read & Discuss the story of Jesus calling Simon the Fisherman -

- **The "Origin Story"** - Most Superhero movies include a back story of what the hero was like before they got their powers. Luke is the author of this Gospel and of Acts, in which Peter plays a significant role as a leader among the Apostles. But, before Peter the Apostle, there was Simon the fisherman:
 - **Read Luke 5:1-11** - *Jesus is just beginning His ministry in the region of the Galilee, and this passage records an early encounter with Peter, Andrew, James, and John.*
 - *Note the picture to the right - Fishing boats on the Galilee usually stayed near the shoreline to fish over the warm springs that emptied into the lake. What do you think Peter was thinking when Jesus asked him to go fishing in the middle of the day in the deep waters? Do you think Jesus was aware of Peter's objections? What point is Jesus making?*
 - *In the video, Pastor Scott talked about the typical process of becoming a disciple of a Rabbi in Galilee. How do you think this group of fishermen felt when Jesus asked to use their boat for His teaching? It's likely they felt a sense of being unqualified to work with as esteemed Rabbi.*
 - *When Peter sees the miracle of the fish, what is his response to Jesus. Why do you think Peter says this?*
 - *When Jesus invites these men to follow Him, they leave their nets (their careers, livelihood, training, etc.) behind to join Jesus. Luke has very intentionally included this story for us to consider becoming a disciple of Jesus and following Him. Luke himself had left a career as a physician in Troas to follow Jesus through Paul's ministry.*
- *Obviously, this story is about more than fishing! How does it speak to you in your life situation?*
- **Pray for each other - Share how today's readings inspire you to think, pray, and live with deeper faith in Jesus!**
- **Discuss your group's plans for the upcoming Holiday weeks! Pastor Scott will have materials for Thanksgiving Week and the Advent season leading up to Christmas - these can watched at home or used in a group meeting.**



Fishing on the Galilee

The Sea of Galilee is a harp-shaped freshwater lake about 14 miles long and 6 miles wide. It is also called Genessaret or Kinnereth in the Bible, which means "harp" in Hebrew.

In the picture above, Pastor Scott is standing on the beach near Capernaum where Peter would have fished. The fishing boats in the background are near where warm springs bubble up in the shallow waters near the shoreline. This is where small boats with cast nets typically worked.



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