

Loved what you heard on Sunday?
Want to go deeper? The life group
study guide will help you unpack
what you heard on Sunday while
diving deeper into God's word.



Life Group Study Guide

1. We all learn in different ways. Would you describe yourself as more of a “studier” or a “doer?”
2. When you are unsure of how to do something are you more likely to perform a Google search, call a friend, or call Mom/Dad?
3. What insight, principle, or observation from this week’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
4. What, do you feel, is your biggest sphere of influence? How does God use you as an example in this sphere? What are the challenges of being in this position?

5. At the core of Jesus’ ministry is discipleship. Jesus found 12 men to invest in, who in turn invested in their own spheres of influence. Read Mark 1:16-28. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.
6. After you’ve read Mark 1:16-28, answer these questions:
 - a. What does Jesus commit to when He calls the first disciples? (*Vs. 17*) How does this promise relate to us today?
 - b. In what way(s) was Jesus an example to the disciples?
 - c. In what ways did Jesus use His words to grow the disciples?

Digging Deeper

1. In Philippians 3:17, Paul encourages others to “pattern [their] lives after [his].” Why do you think Paul was so confident in saying this? Is this a statement you would feel comfortable making to people? Why or why not?
2. In what areas of your life are you a good example for disciples to follow? Are there any areas of your life that Jesus is leading you to change? How could discipleship help you grow and make those changes?



Matthew 4: 21-22 (ESV) *Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

1 Peter 2:21 (NIV) *"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps,"*

I AM CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS.

What does it look like to follow in Jesus' footsteps today?

AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, I AM CALLED TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Go: **poreuomai** (*por·yoo'·om·ahee*):
To travel, depart, go, take a journey

Disciple: *Learner, pupil, followers, adherent, apprentice*

TWO MISCONCEPTIONS:

1. I AM NOT READY TO DISCIPLE ANYONE.

2. I DON'T NEED SOMEONE TO DISCIPLE ME.

PAUL & TIMOTHY

2 Timothy 3:10-11,14 (ESV) ¹⁰ *You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings... ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it...*

HOW CAN I MAKE DISCIPLES?

1. I CAN MAKE DISCIPLES BY MY EXAMPLE.

- **Philippians 3:17 (NLT)** *Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.*
- **1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV)** *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

2. I CAN MAKE DISCIPLES WITH MY WORDS.

MOSES & JOSHUA

Deuteronomy 3:28 (ESV) ²⁸ *But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see."*