

Week 3: Come (Part 1)

Luke 5:1-11, 6:12-16

To be studied in preparation for September 30, 2018.

Leader's Note: This fall we are introducing an approach to group Bible study called "storying." Please refer to the resource, "Storying," available [on our website](#), for a detailed guide on how to facilitate storying in your group.

this is life:

A people apprenticed to
the Life of Jesus

Why We Have Gathered

Our common goal as apprentices of Jesus is to learn
to be *loved by Jesus*, to be *led by Jesus*,
to *become like Jesus*, to *lead others to Jesus*.

Establishing "Safe Harbour"

For us to open up to God and one another, the environment needs to be safe, and we each need to be safe for each other. Let's remember the following guidelines:

- ☐ Respect **confidentiality**: (1) what's shared here, stays here; (2) when you don't have permission to share with others (in or beyond meeting), don't!
- ☐ **Listen** well; be aware of the impact of your body language and tone of voice.
- ☐ Offer **grace, patience** and the benefit of the doubt.
- ☐ Don't rush to fill **pauses** or **silence**.
- ☐ Don't **"cross talk"** (side conversations apart from the group's discussion)
- ☐ Respect **sharing boundaries** (don't share what you don't have permission to share)
- ☐ Tell **your own story** (not someone else's)
- ☐ Don't fix/problem-solve or rescue; practice **"gospel fluency."**
- ☐ Participate fully; be a **learner** (not a know-it-all) and welcome all questions.
- ☐ Accept responsibility for **peace**; seek swift **reconciliation** of conflict and **make amends** for hurts caused.

Entering Into the Story: Luke 5:1-11, 6:12-16

Setting the Scene: *This week's story is taken from Luke's Gospel. Luke often rejoices about how those often overlooked or excluded by the world are invited to come and be part of God's kingdom arriving in Jesus. In Luke 4, Jesus visited his home town of Nazareth, where he identified personally with the Spirit-filled Servant described in Isaiah 61, who would bring redemption and rescue to Israel, and especially to those most needy. This launches a powerful ministry of teaching, deliverance and healing across Galilee. In this story we are going to learn about the kind of people that are invited to become apprentices of Jesus. Perhaps we will see ourselves here! As I tell this story, be reflecting on this question: **Who or what do you relate to in this story, and why?***

Tell the Story: The leader will tell **Luke 5:1-11 and 6:12-16** from memory.

Rebuild the Story: Let's open up our Bibles to **Luke 5:1-11 and 6:12-16**.

- ☐ *Walk through, chronologically/verse by verse, asking "Who, What, Where, When, How, and Why" questions. Where did the story-teller add or omit details?*

Read the Story: Read the story in one translation. If you have time, you might choose to read a second translation as well.

Debrief the Story: Let's respond to the following questions:

- ☐ ***Who or what do you relate to in the story, and why?***
- ☐ *What picture or description caught your attention or came to mind as you listened?*
- ☐ *What can we learn about God (Father, Jesus, and/or Holy Spirit) from this story?*
- ☐ *What can we learn about humanity (us) or God's people (the church) from this story?*
- ☐ *What can this story tell us about apprenticeship to Jesus?*
- ☐ *What other Scriptures or biblical principles does this story remind you of?*
- ☐ *How could this story help you explain apprenticeship to Jesus to someone else?*
- ☐ *What opportunity, challenge, gap, or needed correction does this story bring to light for you?*
- ☐ ***Pause for a moment of silent, listening prayer. What specific action do you sense God asking you/us to do as a result of our conversation with Him through his Word?***

Praying for One Another

Using the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) as a guide, and based on what has come to the surface in your sharing together, lift one another to God in prayer.

WORSHIP

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Express your thanks and praise to your
heavenly Father for his work in your lives.

PETITION

Your Kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Invite God to be King in the various areas of
your life, as well as for practical needs, people
far from God, the church's mission and its
leadership.

CONFESSION

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have
forgiven our debtors.

Repent of any sin, express forgiveness
regarding any broken relationship, and ask for
God's help in bringing reconciliation wherever it
is needed.

ENGAGEMENT

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Ask God to lead, protect and heal you wherever
it is needed. Give time to listen and respond to
the Spirit's voice.

WORSHIP

For yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Close by praising God for who he is, and for
anticipated opportunities and answers to
prayer.

Leader's Notes:

This Scripture was chosen with the following themes in mind:

First, that Jesus meets us exactly where we are, from a host of different stories and backgrounds. We aren't qualified on our own merits; rather, he qualifies us for his roving school of apprenticeship exactly as we are. As we journey with him, we experience his life and join him in a way of life with an infinitely greater purpose (Luke 5:1-11). *Encourage the group to reflect on their own experience of invitation into apprenticeship to Jesus.*

Second, that when we are called into apprenticeship to Jesus, we also discover that we are called into community with others (Luke 6:12-16). *Encourage the group to reflect on what the names of the 12 disciples represent (different stories, backgrounds, personalities, convictions, passions, etc.), and how this speaks to our own apprenticeship to Jesus together.*