

The Why of Disciple Making

Luke 5:1-11

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Day 1: The Invitation to Follow

Reading: John 1:35-42

Andrew's first impulse after meeting Jesus was to bring his brother Peter. This simple act reminds us that faith is meant to be shared, not hoarded. Before Peter experienced miracles or understood theology, he received an invitation through relationship. Consider how Jesus

often works through ordinary people extending ordinary invitations that lead to extraordinary transformation. Who first brought you to Jesus? Whose life might be waiting for your invitation? The journey of discipleship often begins not with perfect understanding, but with someone saying, "Come and see." Today, ask God to show you one person who needs to hear about the life you've found in Christ. Don't wait until you feel perfectly qualified—Andrew didn't.

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Day 2: The Journey of Uncertainty

Reading: John 2:1-12

Jesus took His first disciples on a 70-mile walk to a wedding. Before the miracle, there were blistered feet and long conversations. Discipleship isn't instant transformation; it's a journey with Jesus through ordinary moments and unexpected detours. Peter walked miles before he saw water turned to wine. He invested time before he witnessed power. What "should box" are you carrying—those things you know you should do but haven't committed to? Perhaps it's not disobedience but disconnection from the life Jesus promises. The fullest life comes through fullest surrender, but surrender happens step by step, mile by mile. What one step of obedience is Jesus inviting you to take today? Trust that He's walking with you, even when the destination isn't clear.

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Day 3: Wrestling in the Waiting

Reading: Luke 5:1-5

Peter fished all night and caught nothing. Hour after hour, net after empty net. This wasn't just failure; it was frustration compounded by responsibility—a family to feed, bills to pay, and now this traveling rabbi disrupting his routine. Sometimes following Jesus creates tension in our lives before it creates breakthrough. Peter was caught between two worlds: his old life of self-reliance and this new call to trust. Where are you experiencing tension between what you've always done and what God is calling you toward? That uncomfortable space isn't a sign you're on the wrong path—it may be exactly where God is preparing you for something greater. Don't despise the empty nets. They're preparing you to recognize the miraculous catch when it comes.

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Day 4: The Moment of Recognition

Reading: Luke 5:6-9

When the nets filled with fish, Peter didn't celebrate—he fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man." In the abundance, Peter finally saw clearly: Jesus was exactly who He claimed to be, and Peter had been holding back. The miracle wasn't just about fish; it was about revealing what full trust in Jesus could produce. What would happen if you stopped managing your life with one hand while reaching toward Jesus with the other? Peter's confession wasn't self-condemnation but self-awareness in the presence of holiness. You can let go of anything when you see Jesus as your everything. What are you clutching that God is asking you to release? His abundance is waiting on the other side of your surrender.

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Day 5: From Now On

Reading: Luke 5:10-11; Matthew 4:18-20

"From now on you will catch men." Jesus didn't rebuke Peter's past hesitations—He redirected his future. Peter pulled his boats to shore, left everything, and followed. This wasn't impulsive; it was the culmination of a year of walking, watching, and wrestling.

Disciple-making isn't in the "should box" because God commands it, but because it connects us to the deepest longings of our hearts: to be loved, to matter, to make a difference, to be part of something eternal. When you invest in another person's spiritual journey, you're participating in God's grand story of redemption. Who is God calling you to disciple? Not someday when you're more qualified, but from now on. The fullest life is found in the fullest surrender. What is your "from now on" moment? Ask God today, and trust Him with your answer.

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