

The Why of Disciple Making

Luke 5:1-11

Big Idea: The fullest life is found in the fullest surrender. Peter left everything to follow Jesus—not out of obligation, but because he discovered Jesus was his everything. What's in your "should box" that God is calling you to surrender? Don't miss out on the life He's inviting you into.

Key Takeaways:

1. We all have a "should box"
2. Peter's surrender came after experiencing Jesus' provision and power
3. Full surrender leads to full life
4. Disciple-making fulfills our deepest longings
5. The motivation matters. We don't make disciples just because we're commanded to.

Scriptures:

- ☐ Luke 5:1-11
- ☐ Matthew 4:19-20
- ☐ Matthew 28:19-20
- ☐ John 1:41-42
- ☐ John 1-4

Opening Question:

Share about a time when you were reluctant to do something you knew you should do, but afterward were glad you did it. What changed your perspective?

Discussion Questions:

What is currently in your "should box"? What are things you know you should do (spiritually or otherwise) but haven't made a priority? Why do you think they've ended up there?

The sermon stated: "People follow, give themselves to, and trust in whatever they believe will give them life." Do you agree with this statement? What are some things people believe will give them life besides Jesus?

How do we decide what goes in our "should box" versus what we actually prioritize? What does this reveal about what we truly believe will give us life?

Read Luke 5:1-11 together. What new insights did you gain from hearing Peter's story from his perspective rather than just Jesus' perspective?

Peter had been traveling with Jesus for about a year before this fishing miracle. What pressures and tensions do you think Peter was experiencing during that time? How might those relate to tensions we face when following Jesus today?

Why do you think Peter responded to the miracle by saying, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man" instead of thanking Jesus? What does this reveal about encountering God's power and provision?

The sermon said, "The fullest life comes in the fullest surrender." What does full surrender look like practically? What makes it difficult?

The speaker gave three reasons why he makes disciples (To become like Jesus, To participate in God's grand story, Because he cares about people) Which of these reasons resonates most with you? Why?

Everyone wants to be loved, wanted, to make a difference, to matter, and to be part of something eternal. How does disciple-making fulfill these deep human longings better than anything else?

If disciple-making is in your "should box," what would it take to move it to your "must box"? What barriers (real or perceived) keep you from engaging in disciple-making?

What's the difference between making disciples out of obedience versus making disciples because you're "hungry for life"? How does this distinction change our approach?

Practical Applications:

1. Spend time in prayer asking God if disciple-making is in your "should box" and what He would have you do about it.
2. Identify one person in your life who might benefit from a deeper spiritual relationship with you. Pray about how you might intentionally invest in their spiritual growth.
3. Reflect on your definition of "life." Journal about what you truly believe will give you a full life. Is it aligned with what Jesus offers?
4. Discuss with a trusted friend or mentor: "What would full surrender to Jesus look like in my life right now?"

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Pray for one another, specifically that God would give each person clarity, courage, and hunger for the full life found in following Jesus and making disciples.