Pacific Community Church

Growth Group Sermon Questions

Date: November 1st, 2026
Sermon Series: Standalone
Sermon Title: "Follow Me"
Primary Text(s): Luke 5:1-11 and Luke 5:27-28.

1. **Read Luke 5:1-11 and Luke 5:27-28.**

2. **Peter had fished all night without catching anything, yet Jesus told him to let down his nets again. When the miraculous catch came, Peter responded by recognizing his own sinfulness. Why do you think encountering Jesus led Peter to respond this way? Have you ever had an experience of God's presence that changed how you saw yourself or God?**

   Leader's Notes: Peter's response suggests that he recognized something extraordinary about Jesus, something that exposed his own limitations and sinfulness. Encountering God's holiness can produce awe and humility.

3. **The sermon describes how arrogance, selfishness, and hidden deception can become more apparent in God's presence. How can we respond to that awareness without falling into shame?**

   Leader's Notes: Help the group distinguish conviction from condemnation. Recognizing sin is not meant to drive us into hiding from God, but to invite us into honesty, repentance, and transformation.

4. **The sermon contrasts being a Christian who believes in Jesus with being a Christian who follows Jesus. What do you think that distinction looks like in practice? Where might someone believe the right things about Jesus but struggle to put those beliefs into action?**

   Leader's Notes: The sermon describes passive faith, good intentions without follow through, preferring comfort, remaining a spectator, and keeping options open to avoid commitment. Encourage honest reflection rather than using these examples to judge.

5. **When Jesus called Peter, James, John, and Levi, they responded by leaving everything and following him. What do you think they were leaving behind, beyond their jobs and possessions? What might "leaving everything" mean for a follower of Jesus today?**

Leader's Notes: The sermon broadens "everything" to include reputations, regrets, fears, insecurities, and longings. Following Jesus may require surrendering control, approval, comfort, status, or plans we have become unwilling to reconsider. Clarify that this does not mean every Christian must literally abandon their job, family, or possessions. The questions is what we hold back from Jesus and why.

6. **Dwayne noticed that whenever he considered following Jesus in a particular area, he often responded with "Yes, but…" What are some common "yes, but" responses Christians use when they sense God inviting them to take a step of faith? Why can it be difficult to surrender those areas to God?**

   Leader's Notes: Possible responses include "Yes, but I'm too busy," "Yes, but I'm not qualified," "Yes, but what will people think? Or "Yes, but I need to know how everything will work out first." Emphasize that questions and wise discernment are not inherently signs of disobedience. The invitation is to notice when reasonable concerns become a way of keeping God at a distance.

7. **The sermon says, "Jesus does not just call away from, but he calls to." What do you think Jesus was calling the disciples to? How does understanding following Jesus as an invitation to a new life change your perspective?**

   Leader's Notes: The disciples didn't receive a detailed five-year plan. They were invited into a life with Jesus, learning from him, and participating in His Kingdom. Following Jesus is about belonging to Him and being formed by Him.

8. **The sermon highlights some things Scripture clearly calls Christians to: loving one another as Jesus loved us, rejoicing, praying, giving thanks, and making disciples. Which of these do you find the most natural, and which do you find the most challenging in your current season of life? Why?**

   Leader's Notes: These shared callings give us concrete ways to follow Jesus even when we are uncertain about our next steps.

9. **In the sermon, the story about praying aloud for a sick teammate in a public place illustrates how even a seemingly simple act of obedience can feel uncomfortable/ When you have found it difficult to do what you believed was right because you were worried about what others might think?**

   Leader's Notes: Examples might include praying with someone, speaking about faith, apologizing, standing up for someone, showing generosity, choosing integrity, etc. Following Jesus requires courage in ordinary situations.

10. **If following Jesus means more than believing in Him, what is one practical step you could take this week to follow Him more intentionally? How could our growth group support and encourage one another in taking those steps?**

    Leader's Notes: Encourage each person to identify a specific, realistic response.

11. **Close with prayer requests.**