

## **INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDY PASSAGE**

The instructions for how the groups are to proceed are below. Make sure you also have someone in each group who will take notes to share with everyone when you are finished.

### **INSTRUCTIONS (for all passages)**

1. Pray. (It is always a good idea to ask God to lead you in your reading of scripture.)
2. Be ready to listen. What words, ideas, or phrases stand out to you?
3. Read the passage all the way through.
4. What questions do you have about the passage? Have someone write them down. Don't try to answer them now.

### **QUESTIONS (for all passages)**

- What words, ideas, or phrases stand out to you?
- Read the passage again.
- Was it different this time?
- What might the author be trying to tell us through this story?
- What might original readers have heard from this story?
- What might we learn about Jesus or ourselves from this story?

## **GROUP ONE PASSAGES**

### **Matthew 4:18-22**

#### **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19And he said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** 20Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

### **Mark 1:16-20**

#### **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”** 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

## GROUP TWO PASSAGE

### Luke 5:1-11

#### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

1On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."** 5And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."** 11And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.