

# LIFE

## Part 1 - Where Do I Start?

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### Pray with your group

## Get To Know You

Life is complicated and it can leave us asking questions like; why do I feel so empty, Is God there, does God really speak to people or do I have a purpose? This leads us to ask ourselves, is life working and what am I following? The definition of **FOLLOW** is *“to accept as a guide or leader; accept the authority of or give allegiance to.”*

1. Who or what do you follow in life (sports, news sites, people, pinterest, etc)? Also, WHY do you follow them?
2. How have the people or organizations you follow impacted your life?

## Key Passages

### Matthew 4:18-22

*18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.*

### **Luke 5:1-11**

**1** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were **crowding** around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, **and asked him** to put out **a little** from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people **from the boat**. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "**Put out into deep water, and let down the nets** for a catch."

**5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. **But because you say** so, I will let down the nets." **6 When they had done so**, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. **8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "**Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!**" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

## **Observation & Discussion**

3. What 3 things stand out to you in this passage?
4. Why do you think it is hard for you or people to follow Jesus?

## **Next Step**

5. What are practical ways you can take steps in trusting and following Jesus?

## **Prayer Requests**