

Jesus & You, Jesus and Peter, part I:

Vision

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1. Read John 1:35-42

- a. Andrew spent the day with Jesus and was changed forever. When's the last time you "spent a day with Jesus"?
- b. The first thing he did was to get his brother and bring him to Jesus. Is there a relative, friend, neighbor, or co-worker that doesn't know Christ in your life? What's stopping you from inviting them to study the Bible, or to your life group? What could Christ make of that person?
- c. Our God is a God who makes something out of nothing. He creates. He is a God of vision. Abram → Abraham; Jacob → Israel; Jesus → Immanuel; Simon → Peter "rock". What do you think God's nickname for you is? What do you think God's vision for your life is? What are your current spiritual goals and dreams?

2. Read Luke 5:1-11.

- a. Focus on Jesus not the fish. Focus on the Catcher, not the catch. Focus on the Benefactor, not the benefits. Our relationship with Jesus is a reward in and of itself. All of the benefits that come with being a disciple (salvation, going to Heaven, great friendships, church, etc) are amazing, but they can't be the basis for our relationship with God. Do you prioritize having following Jesus over all the blessings that come with it? If we lost all the "extras", would we still have a heart to follow him?
- b. These fishermen left EVERYTHING behind to follow Jesus because they were not only amazed at the catch, but they were amazed at the Messiah. What nets do you need to leave behind to follow Jesus wholeheartedly? The net of comfort? The net of busyness? The net of certain sins?
- c. From now on you will catch men. I will make you to become fishers of men. Being a disciple of Jesus means being a follower and a fisher. Who has God put in your life that needs your help getting to Jesus? Do you have a vision for what God can make of those around you?

3. Read Matthew 14:22-33

- a. Jesus walked on water. He is the Messiah, the Son of God. The wind and waves along with all elements obey him. Nothing is impossible for God. Nothing is too hard for the Lord. Is that the way you see Jesus?
- b. Jesus enabled Peter to walk on the water. Because he was a follower of Jesus, he said to his Rabbi "if you can do that, allow me to do that as well". Jesus told him to "Come". Peter walked on water! Following Jesus means that we can do the incredible, the unbelievable, the miraculous. We need to have enough faith to get out of the boat. In what area of your life do

you need to take a step of faith in? What “boat” do you need to get out of in order to walk on water?

c. Peter began to sink because he took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the waves. We need to remember to focus on Jesus, not the waves. Focus on Jesus, not the problems. The Lord was right there to catch him, but his question to Peter was simple: “Why did you doubt?” Let’s believe that we serve a God of the miraculous, a God of the impossible. Let’s have faith that He can move mountains, protect us in the valley of the shadow of death, and make a reality the vision that He has for our lives. Write down the vision you believe God has for your life. Write down the vision you believe God has for your family. Write down the vision you believe that God has for the lost around you. Pray about these things.