



# FOLLOWING JESUS

## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – ONE STEP AT A TIME

### **BIG IDEA**

The journey of following Jesus entails \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ at a time

*<sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."*

*<sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>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.*

*<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.*

– Luke 5:1-11 NIV

### **KEEPING IN STEP WITH JESUS**

- Disciples develop \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_
- Disciples acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_
- Disciples \_\_\_\_\_ confess their \_\_\_\_\_
- Disciples \_\_\_\_\_ to following Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
- Disciples \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

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## **DIGGING DEEPER:**

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1. Why can following Jesus seem like an impossible task?
2. Why is it important to focus on taking steps on our journey to become more like Jesus?
3. Why is trust important to discipleship?
4. What does it mean to acknowledge Jesus as Lord?
5. Why can't you be a disciple without doing so?
6. Why is a confession of our sin inherent to being a disciple?
7. How does this lead many people to reject Jesus?
8. How can the call to follow Jesus be free while simultaneously costing us everything?
9. What is our mission as disciples?
10. How can you live out this mission in your own life?