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## PRAYER

*Lord God, help us to love those whom we find it difficult to love.  
Give us a heart that reaches out to those we would otherwise ignore.  
Give us the strength not to cross on the other side of the road,  
but to play the part of the Samaritan.  
This will not be easy, Lord.  
It is not in our nature.  
We spread our love thinly among those we can relate to,  
those who share our values, and those who do not threaten  
our comfortable lifestyle.  
It's not easy, Lord, and on our own we shall fail.  
But with your help all things are possible.  
You led the way,  
and it is your example that we look to.  
You turned the values of this world upside down.  
Do the same with us. Lord.  
Help us live the reality of your Love.  
In Jesus' name, AMEN.*

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## OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

If you could spend time in a classroom being taught by any person in the world who is alive today to learn from them, who would it be and what would you want to learn from them?

## WORD

*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. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And 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. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

### [Matthew 4 \(ESV\)](#)

#### **A DISCIPLE of CHRIST:**

##### **FOLLOWS JESUS**

Vs 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

- to follow Jesus means to HAVE HIM as PRIORITY in your life
- what does this look like in your every day schedule?
- to follow Jesus means to KNOW HIM DEEPER through CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER based on His WORD and a LIFESTYLE of WORSHIP.

##### **FISHES FOR THE LOST**

Vs 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

To fish for the lost, means to help those who don't know Jesus to discover Him through the good news of his Gospel.

Jesus was in their world - the Sea of Galilee

Jesus learnt and spoke their language - they were fishermen, so he said "Fishers of Men"

Jesus carried the message worth leaving everything behind for, because He came from Heaven to fish them out of their "lostness".

##### **FELLOWSHIP with OTHER BELIEVERS**

21 And 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. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus called these men to walk together as a GROUP of disciples.

God's intent was always for us to be a part of Christian community, learning to love one another as we walk and grow together in Him.

*"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:35.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 meaning never, 10 meaning always) how often do you spend learning from mentors in your life that you know personally? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. What has following Jesus looked like in the last 72 hours of your life? If you could change anything, what would it be?
3. Who do you have in your life that helps you to grow in God, and how do they help you?
4. Who around you might need to hear the good news of the Gospel that Jesus has come to save them? What might you do to help bring that message to them?
5. Would you like to receive Jesus Christ, giving full control of all you have as your Creator, Redeemer and Comforter during this time? Ask your leaders to guide you through the prayer below as you dedicate your entire life to seeing God reign? Pray the prayer below with a trusted leader:

**Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am Yours, and You are mine, In Jesus name, AMEN.**