



Discussion Guide

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Split the Nets, Sink the Boats

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Main Idea

People are running to and fro, recklessly trying to find something to love. Someday we have to settle on something and get our footing. Today we look at a familiar story where the Holy Spirit calls an audible to maximize kingdom opportunities - a pop up kingdom event. Here we will Jesus teaching us how we can use even our tired moments to surrender to His leading and go to another level.

Luke 5:1-7

1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; 2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. 3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat. 4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; 7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink

Let Jesus in Your Boat

If Jesus is not permitted to enter your boat, the story never happens. Jesus wants to broadcast the kingdom through you, but you need to give Him access to your life.

At what point in your day do you give Jesus permission to enter your boat? Where is the evidence that He's there? How is He using your vessel right now?

Put Into the Deep

Jesus not only wants to be your boat, he wants to take you deeper. Not just use you, but go beyond your reach, a place that you can not go on your own.

Where are you seeing the manifest power of God as a result of Him taking you deeper? What are you risking and growing through in order to go deeper? Where are you saying, I'll do it Lord?

Call Out to Some Partners

One boat could not contain what God was doing. Peter had to call for partners.

Could God do that at Hope City with exhausted people who already know the playbook? Who are you calling out to as partners to

SUMMARY

If we do not allow the Lord to create new moments in our lives, we won't have what the world needs. The Holy Spirit needs to have our permission to call an audible in our life to maximize kingdom opportunities.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Think back to when you invited Jesus into your boat. Pray, Jesus I want you to split the nets and sink the boats in my life and in Hope City?
2. Put a tangible plan together for how you will venture out to go deeper with God. Include things such as personal devotion, prayer, worship, giving and serving.
3. Get together with some friends this week and talk about how you can partner together in going to another level. Perhaps it's to start a group together, or serve on a dream team, or serve on a project together.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Life Verse

Give participants 3-5 minutes to find or look up their personal life verse from the Bible that represents their goals or purpose. Then one-by-one allow each of them to share it and explain why it is so meaningful for them.