



All Skate

Opening Prayer

God, thank you for being here with us. Help us to engage with what you have for us today. May we walk away more aware of ourselves, more aware of how you are leading us, and more connected to each other. Amen.

Talk It Over

This weekend we kicked off a new series that is intended to help us see the ways we are called and invited to live on mission with Jesus altogether.

- We kicked this series off with an 80s party.
 - Let's start things off by covering how old we all were in the 80s.
 - What do you think of when you think of the 80s? What music, fashion, movies, shows, or memories come to mind?

Read Matthew 28:18-20 (Voice)

In large part, the Jesus message has traveled generations to generations for the last two thousand years because of people living out the instructions found in Matthew 28. In fact, here at EastLake Church, this verse is the big idea behind our mission statement: People helping people find and follow Jesus.

- When did you first hear or realize that we are called to be active participants on the Jesus mission?
- A disciple is an apprentice — or learner or understudy — of Jesus. The goal of discipleship is to become a certain kind of person. Who in your life has served as an example of this? Explain how you see this person being an apprentice of Jesus.
- Being a disciple is about playing our part in the Kingdom of God. As disciples, we seek to participate in the redemptive work of God. Discipleship is not simply a call to absorb more information, content, or teachings. This is about learning, doing, following, and going. In your own life, do you see yourself engaging in the Kingdom of God? In what ways do you see yourself passively absorbing information about Christianity?
 - If you have a story of moving from passively absorbing information to taking steps towards more engagement, tell us about that.

Read Matthew 4:18-20 (Voice) and Luke 5:1-11 (Voice)

This weekend we looked at three invitations we see in this one story. Let's look at those observations now.

One — A Head Level Change: While the men in this story knew some things about Jesus, they definitely didn't know him well or know what the future would hold for them by following Jesus. Still, they made a conscious choice to follow him. They made a choice to let him lead. They said 'yes' to his invite to "follow me".

- Would you say you are someone who consciously chooses to follow Jesus?

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- If you have chosen to follow Jesus, how or when did your head level change come?

Two — A Heart Level Change: A disciple is being changed by Jesus. This means our attitudes and priorities begin to shift as we learn to live and love like Jesus. Jesus invited these fishermen to follow him and he promised he would change and shape them into something different.

- **Read Galatians 5:22-23 to see a list of ways we see Jesus looks to change us. God changes us with the help of the Holy Spirit and our humble cooperation.**
- Have you ever seen someone become a new kind of person after choosing to follow Jesus?
- In what ways do you see Jesus changing you?
- While God changes us, we are all in process. This season where do you see a gap between who you are and who you think Jesus is helping you become?

Three — A Hand Level Change: A disciple is committed to the mission of Jesus. When Jesus invites these men to follow him, he lets them know they will be people who in turn help share the love of God with others. The idea is we will want to use our abilities, our resources, and our time not just all on ourselves, but for the sake of others. Being on the mission of Jesus is about fully engaging with the spiritual and physical brokenness of our world like Jesus did. The Bible makes it abundantly clear: We are God's Plan A for reaching the world with the love and message of Jesus.

- If you are a Jesus follower, in what ways have you seen yourself become more engaged with helping or caring for others?
- What is your natural response to spiritual and physical brokenness?
- In what ways can you grow more open to engaging with the brokenness of this world?
- Consider how you're engaging your head, heart, and hands in the Jesus mission. In which of these three areas do you feel most called to engage more?

Read Matthew 22:37-40 (Voice)

This verse, known as the Great Commandment, helps us to know how to live on mission — we love God and we love others. In this sense, living on mission is fueled and rooted in relationship — we are connected to God and connected to others.

- In what ways are you connecting with the love of God in your own life this season?
- Is there a relationship or circumstances in which you want to grow in your capacity to extend love? Tell us about your hopes.

Closing Prayer

God, thank you for your call to follow, your desire to change us, and your plan to engage us in the mission of sharing your love. Help us to say 'yes' to you with our head, heart, and hands. Amen.

How To Use this Discussion Guide

The guide is meant to serve you and your group as you intentionally create space to grow in friendship and faith. Use the guide as a tool to help your unique group.

With that in mind, consider reviewing the guide before your group to see if some content or questions might resonate more or less with your group. Don't feel pressured to read all the content or to hit all the questions. The guide is not meant to be something you power through for the sake of completing. Pick the content from the guide you feel will help foster friendship and faith in your specific group.

In addition, spend some time praying for your group each week, preparing your heart, and asking God for wisdom and guidance as you lead.