

# Small Group Homework

For the Week of January 4, 2015  
(Questions and Scriptures for Small Group Time)

**MAIN IDEA: Keep your group focused on two things during your small group time. 1) Review our mission as a Church: To make disciples who make disciples. 2) Discuss freedom using Galatians 5:1 and Romans 6:15-23.**

**\*It's ok to get off track once and a while, but always bring it back to the main idea.**

## GETTING STARTED

1. As you look back on this weekend's sermon, what stands out to you as particularly helpful, difficult, or insightful?

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

2. What is your favorite Sunday afternoon pastime and why?

## DIGGING DEEPER

3. Our mission as a Church is to make disciples who make disciples. We can't accomplish this if we don't have a clear definition of a disciple. To understand our definition of a disciple, read the story in Luke 5 and answer the corresponding questions: **\*Our mission as a church is to make disciples who make disciples. This question is meant to point to the fact that we can't make disciples if we don't have a clear definition first. Each questions defines a disciples for us: A disciple follows Jesus, is changed by Jesus, and commits to the mission of Jesus.**

Read Luke 5:1-11.

A disciple **follows Jesus**. What made Peter finally throw the nets into the water?

A disciple is **changed by Jesus**. What caused Peter's attitude to change?

A disciple **commits to the mission of Jesus**. What is the mission of Jesus?

In what ways do you relate to Peter in this story? **\*Ex. "I relate to his lack of faith at the beginning. It takes me a long time to actually act on my beliefs."**

4. Freedom is our “big idea” this year. Jeff talked on Sunday about three areas where freedom is so vital: emotionally, financially, and spiritually.

Read Romans 6:15-23. In your opinion, why does being a “slave of God” actually set us free?

5. Galatians 5:1 says, “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

Looking back on your own journey, have there been some specific areas where you have experienced freedom? What were they? **\*If you lead a couples group, you might find more openness to this question if you break off men only and women only. This could be used to lead into your prayer time.**

(Would you consider sharing with your group?)

#### **TAKING IT HOME**

6. *2015 will be the year I experience freedom in...*

7. What is something the Holy Spirit might be telling you to do after listening to the sermon, studying the word, and doing this study?

**PRAYER REQUESTS (\*ASKING QUESTION 5 HERE MAY LEAD INTO YOUR PRAYER TIME. IF YOU ARE A COUPLES GROUP, FOR YOUR PRAYER TIME, TRY SPLITTING UP THE MEN WITH MEN AND WOMEN WITH WOMEN.)**

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