

# LIFE GROUPS

**This Week:** We are 30 weeks into our, 43-week, Life Group season for 2022! Our prayer is that you, as an intentional leader, are seeing people grow spiritually. That is the number one goal of group! Part of growing spiritually is falling more in love with the *mission* of Jesus, than we are with our own comfort.

This week, we're going to take an offramp from our standard curriculum to provide some clarity around that mission. It's Jesus' disciple making mission that we're commanded to be a part of (Mt.28:18-20). People cannot grow without being discipled. They cannot be discipled outside the context of relationship. If a disciple is our aim, we must be clear on our definition of a disciple and we must be in relationship to do so. Walk your group through the definition and discussion questions below.

**Define: Disciple** - Spend some time, unpacking what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus by clarifying how we define it here. We all should be familiar with this by now.

Here at Southeast, we define disciple as one who is;

- Following Jesus
- Being Changed by Jesus
- On Mission with Jesus

We get our definition from Matthew 4:19 where Jesus says, "**Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.**" It's concise, it's accurate and it's biblical.

## **Break it Down:**

- "Come follow me" – Following Jesus. (One who has committed accepted Jesus' invitation.)
- "and I will make you" – Being Changed by Jesus. (He is actively changing you.)
- "fishers of men." – On Mission with Jesus. (The disciple making movement of Jesus)

## **Discuss:**

- 1) When did you receive the invitation from Jesus to "follow" him and why did you accept that invitation?
- 2) For all our efforts, Jesus is the one doing the changing, not us. How is He still actively changing you personally today?
- 3) If "fishers of men" (making disciples) is the mission, how committed to that mission are you and what exactly does that look like for you personally?

## **Closing Prayer:**

God, thank you for being relational. I can clearly see it by \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for sending \_\_\_\_\_ into my life, I'm different today because they \_\_\_\_\_.

Father I can make a difference in others by \_\_\_\_\_.

God I'm ready to fulfill your will in this area I only ask for \_\_\_\_\_ along the way.