

GO: Go Share

Week 1 – May 16, 2021

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-39, Mark 1:17; John 3:16

Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!

Share: Have you ever been invited to experience something that was breathtaking, mind boggling, or overwhelming? Share your experience.

Read Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-39; Mark 1:17; and John 3:16 together: Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

Discuss the following context:

Jesus invites us to COME and SEE with vision to GO and SHARE our experiences with our community. As Jesus draws His disciples close to experience His provision, He offers them a vision that is beyond their livelihood, and invites them to go on a journey that would change their lives (Luke 5:1-11). As they better understood Jesus' love, grace and character, they were excited to GO and SHARE the very truths and transformation they experienced.

As we begin our "Go" series, consider this simple idea- growing God's kingdom is very much like sharing good news or a great experience. It is the most natural thing to be excited to share good news with someone. We are invited to COME and SEE who God is, experience what He is like, learn what it means to love Him, and ultimately share what we experienced.

Share your thoughts about following questions:

1. In John 1:35-39 Jesus invited some of His first followers to experience a new perspective. He wasn't inviting them to a *place*, but rather to *himself*. Jesus simple invitation was to COME and SEE. What else does Jesus invite us to experience through access to himself? (i.e. His goodness, His purpose, etc)
2. God is looking for people ("fishing for people") because He loves them. He desires good for them and He wants them to know they are loved. The way He looks for people is through those who have already found Him. Read Mark 1:17 and John 3:16.
 - a. What is God inviting you to COME and SEE about His character, His strength, His provision, and His purpose?
 - b. What experience are you invited to GO and SHARE? Who can you invite to experience Jesus through your experience?
3. How can we prepare to invite others into our experiences? Hint: it's not memorizing the Bible or having all of the answers. *It is about who we are.* Read the following verses and reflect on how our character can speak first and speak loudly.
 - a. Luke 8:16
 - b. Matthew 5:16
 - c. 2 Corinthians 2:14-15
 - d. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Pray together: Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Thank God that He invites us to COME and SEE for ourselves: to investigate, consider, and experience. Thank God He wants His people to know they are loved, to find purpose, peace, hope and contentment. Ask Him how we can GO and SHARE the transformation we experience through Him.