

# LIFEGROUP STUDY

## KINGDOM VICTORY—CHARACTER BUILDING

### WARMING UP

What roles do you have in life?

*Make a list of them in your journal / phone notes / blank sheet.*

- Son/daughter,
- parent,
- friend,
- employee,
- manager,
- student,
- spouse,
- boss,
- leader,
- follower,
- jobseeker...

Are there any other additional roles you have that are not listed above?

### INTO THE PASSAGE (LUKE 5:1-11)

1. Summarise the conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter.
2. What gives a carpenter-turned Rabbi the right to tell Simon Peter how to fish? Why did Simon Peter end up submitting to him?
3. Define submission.
4. Why do you think Jesus did what He did?
5. What lesson can we learn from this miracle?
6. What was Peter's reaction? Why was he like that?
7. What was the outcome to this encounter with Jesus?

### APPLYING THE PASSAGE

8. Place yourself in Peter's sandals, if Jesus said something similar to you, teaching you how to do your job, would you submit to Jesus's command? Why or why not?
9. Imagine yourself in this context, having fished all night without much success, then to have Jesus come along, teach you how to fish and your nets are bursting full of fish, and then choosing to leave behind your boat and fish— would this happen in today's day and age? Share some modern day examples of this happening, do people leave behind their version of boats and fish to follow Him? Why or why not?
10. What prevents us, today, from submitting to Jesus' command? What excuses do we say or distractions do we have?

### MOVING FORWARD

Using the list you made at the start of today's session, dedicate the next 10-15 minutes (or however longer it might take), reflectively praying through your own list of roles you have been given.

- With each role listed, ask God to reveal a picture or word in regards to it.
- Or ask God to prompt you to surrender something in submission to His leading in that role. Make a note of anything the Lord prompts you on your list of roles.

If there are some particular roles you are struggling with, or you are surprised at the picture or word—feel free to share it with the group.

Finally, end today's session in prayer of thanks or continued submission to the Lord, lifting each other up in prayer.