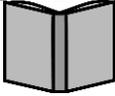




Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	w/c 12 th February 2023	Go, Fish!						
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Play a game of Just a Minute . Take it in turns to speak for a minute on a given subject. If you hesitate, repeat yourself, or deviate, someone can challenge, and take the subject from you with the remainder of the 60 seconds available. The person left speaking when the minute is up, is the winner. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sunday</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Heaven</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Christian</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Church</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Jesus</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Prayer</td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Heaven	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer
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 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What has been your experience of sharing your faith or church involvement with others? How did they react? What did you learn from this? <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent can religious jargon get in the way of people coming to Jesus? How do you/ could you explain to someone who is not yet a Christian: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why you go to church. ○ Who Jesus is to you. ○ Why you pray. Rules: No complicated Christian language, keep the answer to under a minute							
 Read	Luke 5:1-11	 Catch-up http://chesterroadbaptist.org.uk/Watch						
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1 Why were people, religious and non-religious, so drawn to Jesus? How today do/ can we grow our 'crowd'? If they only knew <i>what</i> , would people 'crowd around' Jesus today? What can get in the way of this? <input type="checkbox"/> v.2 Jesus saw and came to the fishermen while they were at work/ doing an everyday task. To what extent do you imagine Jesus coming to you in your work place/ everyday living? When 'out of the blue' have you sensed God 'speaking' to you? <input type="checkbox"/> v.4 What if Jesus is saying the same thing to us? What should we do? Anticipate? <input type="checkbox"/> v.5 What was Jesus demonstrating? When has God asked you to do something that, at the time, made little sense? <input type="checkbox"/> v.6 What was Jesus now demonstrating? What's the significance for us today? <input type="checkbox"/> v.7 What did the partners enable? Why is working in partnership often so effective? As a church, who are our partners? What if... God knew we would soon have a big 'catch' of people coming to faith, and so called others from elsewhere, even from other churches, to join us in landing (discipling) the fish? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8-10a Why was Peter 'spooked' by the miracle? Have you ever been astonished, even unnerved, by God? What led Peter to <i>confess</i> ? What was this evidence of? See John 16:8 How did Jesus respond? <input type="checkbox"/> v.10b What does it mean for <i>you</i> to 'fish for people'? How do you/ might you do this? When have you helped someone take a step towards Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> v.11 Why did <i>they</i> go 'all-in' with Jesus? How might <i>you</i> do the same?							

 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5:1 What or <i>who</i> is the Word of God? See also John 1:1-3. “Jesus is the Word (Logos) of God, the Bible is the revelation of Jesus.” Do you agree? What difference does this make? <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5:10 The Greek phrase ‘to fish’ (<i>zogreo</i>) means to capture <u>alive</u>, like a hunter goes after its prey. How does this affect how you think about evangelism? How intentional should we be about going after people to help them come to faith in Christ?
 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What verse stands out? What verse challenges you the most? <input type="checkbox"/> How comfortable/ confident do you feel about sharing your faith? <u>Why</u> is this? What would make more of a difference?
 Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to show you who of your friends/ family/ colleagues/ neighbours etc He is ‘fishing’ for and how you can partner with God. Note down a few names. Pray for them. Be ready to take an opportunity to speak with them about your faith or invite them to join you in something at church.
 Pray	<p><i>Dear God,</i> <i>Thank you that you tell me not to be afraid, that you do not condemn me, that you love me. Lord, show me who the people are who are around me that you are working in and pursuing. Help me to hear your voice and follow your leading. Amen.</i></p>
 My questions:	

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