

## STUDY GUIDE - EPISODE FOUR THE ROCK ON WHICH IT IS BUILT

### TABLE TALK

- What struck you most about this episode? What characters most stood out for you?
- What did you learn about Jesus in this episode?
- Why do you think Simon was so moved by this miraculous catch of fish?
- Jesus told the fisher brothers that they would become fishers of people. What did that mean for them? What does that mean for you? In what ways are you "fishing for people" as you follow Jesus? How does that relate to our call to be missionary disciples?
- Do you believe God allows adverse circumstances in your life to draw you back to God? Have you ever experienced this?
- Do you believe miracles happen today? Do you have an experience of a miracle you can share?
- The night on the Sea of Galilee amplified the encounter with Jesus in the morning. Have you ever experienced Jesus coming to you after "a dark night"? Would you share this?

### FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- What area of your life do you need to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully?
- In this episode, we see Simon "stuck between a rock and a hard place." Have you ever felt stuck like this? What did you do? What did God do? Why do you think we can be slow to call on the Lord for help? When you have a serious need like Peter did in this episode and God does not perform a miracle for you, what does that do to your faith?
- Is there a moment in your life where the miracle of the fish has metaphorically happened to you - when you thought there was no way that something would work, but God made it happen?
- We see the power of invitation as Andrew shares his encounter with Jesus with his brother Simon. Andrew then invited Jesus to get into their boat and ultimately their lives. Is there someone in your life who is in need of your courage and invitation to experience Christ for themselves?
- We are called to repent and return to God and when we do this, our lives change, and we become the people God intended for us to be. The change experienced by every follower of Christ can be summed up like this: I was. But God. And now.  
**What is your come - to - Jesus story?** Each stage is a process - your story is still unfolding.

I was \_\_\_\_\_

But God \_\_\_\_\_

And now \_\_\_\_\_

You can also use the *My Story* sheets.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Thank Jesus for his help and compassion in your life - for the ways he has been with you when you most needed him.
- Ask God to help you heed his call and follow God faithfully in whatever you are guided to do.
- Ask God to help and encourage you to follow Jesus.
- Ask God to help you share Jesus with family and friends.

### **SCRIPTURE CONNECTIONS**

- Read each of the come to Jesus stories in, John 3:1 - 12, Luke 5: 27 - 32, Matt 9:9 - 13, Luke 5:1 - 11. In spite of having vastly different life experiences, what do all these people have in common?