

THE CHURCH WE SEE

LIVING REAL TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- NYC Missions Social April 15, 12:00NN Lakeland College
- Leaders Lab, April 19, 7:00PM Knox Church
- Lakeland Venue will be at the Lecture Theatre on April 15 & 22

PRAY TOGETHER

- For greater commitment to evangelizing and making disciples.
- For Mosaic's Vision of reaching 1000 people by 2019.
- For the TWO people you will reach and disciple this year.

FOCUS: We are called to fish for people or share God with others. But we need to understand a few key concepts of fishing to be effective fishers of men and women.

ICE BREAKER: *Have you ever been fishing? What is your most memorable fishing story?*

READ: Matthew 4:18–22

REVIEW: RELEVANT FISHERMEN

1. Put bait on your hook. (Psalm 34:8) Your story of God's goodness and faithfulness is the bait. Our story is not just a description of God's character but a taste of His goodness. And you don't have to have a bad story to have a good testimony!

2. Put your hook in the water. We need to share our stories of God's faithfulness with others. If we never tell our testimony, it's like walking around a lake with bait on our hook but never casting it! Learn to tell your story in a short, genuine, and interesting way.

3. Fish where the fish are. We need to share our stories with those we encounter every day. We live, work, and shop with people every day—start a conversation and tell people how your life was changed!

DISCUSS:

1. Psalm 34:8 tells us to “*taste and see that the Lord is good.*” What way can we give others a taste of God's goodness?
2. Stories of times we experienced the goodness of God is as powerful as our salvation testimony. Share a time in your life when you experienced God's love and power.
3. Having a story of God's faithfulness but never sharing it is like having your hook baited, but never casting it into the water. Who are three people you encounter each week who need a relationship with God? Ask the Lord to remind you of a story you can share with each one.
4. Practicing our stories alone and with others is helpful to learn to tell them well. Who can help you practice your stories?
5. We need to fish where the fish are. They are in our schools, gyms, workplaces, neighborhoods, and weekly activities. Where are your fish? How can you be more intentional and relevant in catching?
6. Our church has vision to reach 1000 for Jesus, what should be your driving force to evangelize people? What kept you from evangelizing in the past? How has this study help you?
7. Who are you praying for to reach this year? Perhaps the whole group can commit to pray for these names from now till December.

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Our story is not just a description of God, but a taste.
- Real stories of God's love and power draw people to Him.
- We must learn to tell our story well. Mosaic will be offering classes to help you share your story more effectively. Tell your leader if you're interested (list the names and email address down and send to mosaiclloyd@gmail.com subject evangelism class).
- Claim the guidance and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit when you share your story.
- People love stories. When we tell stories, we're not talking about religion; we're talking about God moving in our lives.
- We need to feel the urgency to share Jesus Christ.

Group Dynamics Idea: Practice sharing your story. This week, allow time in your group for members to practice sharing a story of God's goodness in their lives.

PRAY (See the items above)