

WONDERS

Title: **THE WONDERS OF FOLLOWING JESUS**

Date: **May 19, 2024**

Leader's Tips:

- S** - Sensitivity with others. No one should feel left out.
- P** - Participation is encouraged during discussion.
- A** - Acknowledge guests. Make them feel welcome.
- C** - Confidentiality is key. What is shared stays in the group.
- E** - Encourage the group to pray for one another.

WORSHIP: (15 mins)

Venue Option 1: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue Option 2: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online, ask, "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

WELCOME:(15 mins): Remember I.W.C.

I - *Introduce yourself.*

W - *Welcome guests/first-time visitors.*

C - *Cheer up (say a word of encouragement) someone within the group.*

Memory Verse for the week: Matthew 4:19-20

Ice-breaker/Humor:

Q: *How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?*

A: *By his "net" income... lol.*

WORD (30–45 mins) - Text: Matthew 4:18-20 NKJV

This lesson is about the calling of Peter & his brother Andrew to become followers of Jesus Christ. What happened next were the wonders that followed?

Lesson proper:

1. IT'S THE GREATEST PRIVILEGE - KNOWING JESUS

PERSONALLY— Jesus said, "Follow Me" (It's the priority!)

Q: Would you share about the day when you came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour? When and How?

The call of Jesus to follow Him is a call to know Him intimately. In Matt. 10:1, the call of Jesus to His disciples was first to Himself, the rest flowed from that call.

Q: What is your understanding of the word "Disciple?" (*Disciple –is someone who learns from his master, follow his mission and teaching.*)

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of discovering *The Pearl of Great Price or The Treasure Hidden in a Field*. This compels the discoverer to give up everything they possess to have the greatest treasure—Him/Jesus.

The Apostle Paul, like the 11 disciples, was one of those who did give up everything just to have the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, friendship with the Lord. **Read Philippians**

3:7-10 NIV

The primary blessing of following Jesus is knowing Him, growing in intimate relationship with Him.

2. THE JOY OF FULFILLING HIS PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES—

The lives of the disciples were completely transformed the moment they chose to follow Jesus, marking the beginning of their journey to fulfill their purpose. Even when their lives became difficult, the joy of knowing they were on the right path sustained them to the very end.

Q: How was your life transformed from the moment you became a follower of Jesus?

3. THE AWE-INSPIRING SIGHT OF WITNESSING HIM PERFORM MIRACLES

Nothing compares to the miracles Jesus performed right before His disciples' eyes. Those who followed Jesus during His time on earth had front-row seats to His miracles. (Ex. Feeding of the 5000, Miraculous catch of fish, raising Lazarus and Jairus' daughter from the dead, etc.)

Q: Which of Jesus' miracles do you find most amazing?

The Apostle John said that all of Jesus' miracles couldn't be contained in books, as there were so many. He also promised that Jesus would continue to perform miracles for and through His followers today.

Read Mark 16:17-18 NLT

Q: What miracles or wonders do you want to see Jesus perform in your life and family?

Conclusion: Life is not meant to be lived without God and true fulfillment is impossible without Him. To follow Jesus, we must seek Him wholeheartedly and give up anything that hinders us from being His disciples.

Q: What is your take-away from the discussion? Partner with someone in prayer.

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask **"what can I pray for you?"** (7mins.)

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with some one during the week.