

LIFE GROUP LESSON June 9 to June 15, 2019

Tiny Steps To A Big Calling

●WELCOME God's People (15 minutes)

●WORSHIP God (10 minutes – song, reading of Psalms or prayers of thanks/praise). You can use prayers of thanksgiving or adoration as your time of worship

●Live by God's WORD (45 minutes)

Sometimes, the littlest things can have the most lasting impact. That's why we should never underestimate the importance of small acts of obedience. They may seem insignificant to us, but they are often the first step toward our destiny. The Lord has a plan for each believer's life and a method by which He brings it to fruition. Peter's experience with Jesus is a wonderful example of how tiny steps of faith can lead to a big calling.

The story begins in [Luke 5:1-11](#), when Jesus was teaching beside the lake of Gennesaret. As the crowd pressed in on Him, He saw two boats at the shore and asked Peter to row Him out a ways so He could keep teaching. Who'd have guessed that this would be a turning point in Peter's life? It was a rather simple request, but what if he had said, "I'm awfully busy. I fished all night and caught nothing and now have to clean the nets before I can go home and rest. Find someone else's boat to borrow." Imagine what he would have missed.

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You know, your life really isn't that different from Peter's. Jesus is still calling people to obey His simple promptings. Sure, His requests may be inconvenient or unexpected, but do you really want to forfeit what's on the other side of a small act of obedience? When Peter let Jesus use his boat, he opened the door for the Lord to use his entire life.

God sometimes asks us to do things that seem irrational. After Christ finished teaching, He told Peter to go out farther and let down his nets for a catch. Peter knew that the best fishing was at night. However, because he had obeyed Jesus the first time and received a front row seat to hear Him teach, Peter agreed to do the ridiculous. And wouldn't you know it, he brought in more fish than he could handle!

Because Peter obeyed in a small matter and in a humanly illogical request, Jesus called him to become a disciple and transformed him into a powerful leader of the church. Just imagine what the Lord can do with your life if you'll heed His small promptings and obey even when His requests make no sense to you. Why not find out? Your God-given destiny is on the other side of obedience.

Suggested Questions for Discussion and Growth

1. How does God get our attention?
2. What has God called you to do? What's preventing you from obeying God's calling?

●Impact God's WORLD (20 min)

1. Think about ways to grow your group and give birth to a new group.
 2. Pray for your lost relatives, co-workers. Ask the Lord to help be a good example.
 3. Your group might think about visiting an elderly person or couple.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3 minutes:

1. Share: ●any planned group activity ●important church announcements ●next meeting time
2. Keep a copy of the church bulletin to help remind the group of important events.

CLOSING – Please turn in your attendance each week. It helps us evaluate our progress.