



# The Way of Jesus

## Week 3: The Way to Acceptance

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### OPENING QUESTION:

Share a time you felt inadequate and it prevented you from doing something you felt prompted to do by God? (delayed baptism, sharing my faith/inviting someone to church, serving, joining a group, going on a mission trip, etc.)

#### GROUPS [VIDEO GUIDE](#)

#### READ IT AGAIN:

- [Luke 5:1-11](#)

#### DISCUSS:

- Peter told Jesus he was sinful and not qualified to be in Jesus' presence. What do you think Peter *did* feel qualified to do with his life?
- If we had been in the boat and Jesus called us to be a fisher of men, what kind of excuses would we come up with for saying "no".
- What do you feel most qualified to do for Jesus? How could you use your current qualifications to "fish for men?"
- Share with the group one "skill" or habit you would like to develop that would make it easier for you to share your faith.
- What is something that you know God is calling you to do in your life now? What is holding you back?

#### PRAYER:

Sit quietly with your palms on your lap facing up. Set a timer for 90 seconds. In complete silence, ask God what "net" he would like you to leave behind so you could follow him. If you dare, share with the group what you think you might need to leave behind.

#### SCRIPTURES:

- **Romans 12:6–8**, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one

who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

- **1 Peter 4:10–11**, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
- **1 Corinthians 12:4–11**, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ...”
- **Exodus 4:10–12**, But Moses said, “No, Lord, don't send me. I have never been a good speaker, and I haven't become one since you began to speak to me. I am a poor speaker, slow and hesitant.” The Lord said to him, “Who gives man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or dumb? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? It is I, the Lord. Now, go! I will help you to speak, and I will tell you what to say.”
- **2 Corinthians 12:9–10**, “But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
- **1 Corinthians 1:27–29**, “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.”
- **Acts 1:8**, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

