

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Fall 2024 - Salty Church - "Fisher of Men"
Monday, Oct. 21 - Sunday, Oct. 27 (Week 7)

EMPHASIS FOR THE MONTH: **Model Vulnerability.** As you are continuing to build relationships and trust within your group, my encouragement to you as leaders is to begin to model vulnerability. This will be essential for your group to begin to take steps towards going deeper with one another. If your group members see you "going there" they are more likely to follow your lead and, "go there" as well.

ICE BREAKER: Share a story about a time you met someone unexpectedly who ended up having a positive impact on your life.

CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. This Sunday, October 27, we will be celebrating child dedications during our 10 AM worship service!
2. Our next Covenant Member Gathering is scheduled for Sunday, November 3 at 12 PM. If you are a covenant member or being installed as a covenant member, please be sure to check your email for important information and to RSVP.
3. In place of weekly prayer gatherings for the month of October, we are encouraging everyone to take weekly walks around your neighborhood and pray for your neighbors and community. After Prayer Emphasis Month, we will begin to meet again for weekly prayer meetings in the month of November. We want to hear how your weekly prayer walks are going! Send us an email and share your stories with us. *No weekly prayer gatherings at church for the month of October.

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that the The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

SERMON DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read the passage: Mark 1:16-20, and then read this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

Throughout our sermon series called "Salty Church," Pastor Mike has emphasized the importance of being "salty" followers of Jesus, drawing from Luke 12:34-35, where Jesus describes the value of salt. A church can only be as "salty" as its members, meaning that the presence of Jesus must be tangible in the lives of believers. The series outlines five key traits of discipleship: putting Jesus first in love, practicing fearless generosity, having freedom to serve, being fishers of men, and faithful in prayer. In this sermon, Pastor Mike underlines that true fellowship with Jesus comes before the task of evangelism, stressing that a disciple's life should revolve around their relationship with Christ, which naturally leads to influencing others in our spheres of influence to follow Him. Focusing on the concept of being "fishers of men," Pastor Mike explains that every believer has the responsibility to share their faith and draw others to Jesus. He notes that one's life will gravitate toward what they prioritize, and if that priority is Jesus, the mission to reach others will become central.

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Rather than viewing evangelism as an additional burden, Pastor Mike encourages us to integrate faith into everyday life through "gospel intentionality," allowing their daily interactions—whether at work or with family—to reflect their relationship with Christ. By making Jesus the first priority and main focus of our lives, we can fulfill God's mission in using us to invite others into the kingdom of God.

QUESTION #1: What does it mean to you personally to be a "fisher of men"? How does this concept challenge or encourage you in your walk with Christ?

QUESTION #2: The sermon mentioned that whatever your life orbits around, you will naturally fish for people to enter that orbit. What do you think your life currently orbits around, and how does that influence those around you?

QUESTION #3: Are there areas in your life where you feel you have lost your "saltiness" or influence for Christ? What might be contributing to this, and how can you seek restoration?

QUESTION #4: What are some fears or barriers you face when it comes to sharing your faith with others? How can the group support you in overcoming these challenges?

QUESTION #5: What is one practical way you can infuse gospel intentionality into your daily routine this week? Share a specific context (e.g., work, family, hobbies) where you can be more intentional.

QUESTION #6: Who is "your person"? Who is one person God is bringing to heart and mind for you that you really want to know Jesus? Share this person with the group. How can you begin to influence them towards faith in Christ? Spend time praying for these individuals as a group.

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking *and recording* prayer requests and then pray together as a group (*I strongly encourage you to send out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives*).

