



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon Series: *Bottom of the 9th*
Message: *Stories of Comeback*

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Date: August 11 & 12, 2018

—[LET'S START]—

What are some of the reasons people cheer for the underdog team and why do they love “comebacks” so much?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Have the person with the smallest shoe size read aloud Luke 5:1-11 to the group. Jesus invites Simon to “follow” Him. Simon is to follow in Jesus’ steps and that is also how Jesus invites us – to follow one step at a time. What are some of the spaces of a person’s life that Jesus ask to get into?
2. To follow Jesus, we need to let go of the excuses. What are some common excuses people hold on to when Jesus calls them to do something?
3. Following Jesus is not an easy thing and can be a very scary thing. In Luke 5:10 Jesus tells Simon, “Don’t be afraid...” As one follows Jesus, one learns from Him and learns the unforced rhythm of Grace. How might a person experience this grace as they follow Jesus?
4. When Simon follows Jesus, he leaves behind much of what gave him a sense of security – job, resources and security. Jesus did not force him – it was up to Simon. As Jesus calls us, He does not force us to leave established security behind, it is up to us. What did Simon leave behind? What might you be asked to leave behind?

—[LET'S ACT]—

Pastor Brad has encouraged us to write out the different areas of our life and think what it would mean to follow Jesus in each of those areas. During this week, make that list and allow it to continue to grow as new ideas come to mind and record what it might mean to follow Jesus – in your work, in your singleness or marriage, in how you spend your money, in your friendships...

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- Like Simon, Jesus has called us to **follow** him and...
 - Let Jesus into our boat – into the various spaced of our lives
 - Let go of our nets – let go of the excuses we hold on to
 - Listen to His invitation of grace – “Don’t be afraid...” Luke 5:10
 - Leave what is safe behind – this is where Jesus says it is up to us. He does not force us to follow
- LifeGroups are a source of encouragement in our efforts to follow Jesus

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