

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for January 12-13, 2019:
Jesus: Fish Tricks



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- Who do you think of as a welcoming person and what do they do that is welcoming?

- **Grow**

(read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

As Jesus stood beside Lake Galilee, [a] a crowd of people pushed to get closer to him and to hear the teachings of God. 2 Jesus saw two boats at the shore of the lake. The fishermen were washing their nets. 3 Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon. He asked Simon to push off a little from the shore. Then he sat down in the boat and taught the people on the shore. 4 When Jesus finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Take the boat into the deep water. If all of you will put your nets into the water, you will catch some fish." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night trying to catch fish and caught nothing. But you say I should put the nets into the water, so I will." 6 The fishermen put their nets into the water. Their nets were filled with so many fish that they began to break.... Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on your work will be to bring in people, not fish!" 11 The men brought their boats to the shore. They left everything and followed Jesus.

Luke 5:1-6, 10-11

- Do you tend to be trusting or skeptical? How has that tendency positively or negatively affected your relationship with God?
- Have you ever chosen to trust God even though doing so didn't seem to make sense at the time? If so, what happened?
- In what area of your life do you need to dial up your trust in Jesus? What is your best next step?
- Discuss: *The most important lesson that I have learned is to trust God in every circumstance. Lots of times we go through different trials and following God's plan seems like it doesn't make any sense at all. God is always in control and he will never leave us.*

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- **Serve**

- Think of a person you know who is one the outside of some group you are part of. How can you invite them to belong?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**