

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Homework Assignment: Before small group, draft your 2-min testimony. Use the online guide to help you think through your testimony: <http://bthl.ch/testimony>

1. Read 1 Cor 9:19-23 and discuss the following:

- a. What does this look like in our culture?
- b. What boundaries would we use as we apply this Scripture?
- c. Spiritually, where are you?
- d. Spiritually, where are the people around you? How can you better relate to them?

2. For each of the following Scriptures, what is the blessing? How can we be a channel for blessing because of each of these?

- a. Acts 1:8 b. Heb 9:15 c. Gen 12:1-3 d. 1 Cor 12:7

3. Blessing was defined as “seeking the best for another person.”

- a. What is the ultimate “best for another person”?
- b. Brainstorm ways you could do this day in and day out.
- c. God presents us many opportunities to be a blessing to others.
How do we improve the way we keep our minds aware of these opportunities?

4. Fishing requires the right equipment. God’s Word is essential equipment for being fishers of men. Review the Go Fish bookmark. Are you currently using any of these questions in your Bible reading? Should you include some to help you?

5. Who could you study Scripture (using the Go Fish bookmark) with to bless them with the gospel? Child, friend, spouse, co-worker?

6. Has the Lord been tugging on your heart about being a “fisher of men”? Share.

Break into pairs for the following:

7. One way we can help people find Christ is to be prepared to share our story (1 Pet 3:15). Practice and refine your written testimony with your partner.

8. Another way we can bless others is to pray for them. What unbelievers are you consistently praying for? Any you might need to add to that list?

9. Pray with your partner for those on your list. Consider praying together for these people through the rest of the series. The following blog post has suggestions of ways to pray: <http://bthl.ch/prayer>

THE BLESSED FISHERMAN LEARNS TO FISH

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- I. We were designed and **equipped** to bless others. Gen 12:1-3; Matt 4:19;
Gal 3:7-9
 - A. **Uncover** the resources you have been blessed with.
 - B. **Discover** your God-given power to bless.
- II. We bless people by helping them to find **Christ**.
 - A. Learn the message and **love** the Lord. Ex 19:12; Ez 16:6, 9-10;
Is 61:10; II Cor 5:21; Gal 3:10;
Heb 7:23-25a; 9:13-15
 - B. Clarify the message and **quote** the Lord.
- III. Finding Christ can be a blessed **experience**. Acts 8:12; I Cor 9:14-23
 - A. Fearlessly **understand** where people are at.
 - B. Joyfully **meet** with people wherever you are.