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SERIES TITLE: Defining Moments

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Introduction

This week, we started a new series that will take us from now until Easter called **Defining Moments**. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, we see story after story of ordinary people encountering Jesus and having to make real, everyday decisions about who Jesus is and what He calls them to. These moments **define** these people, as their lives get changed when they encounter the King. Through this series, we are going to be unpacking these **Defining Moments** in the Gospel of Mark and how our own **Defining Moments** with Jesus shape our lives today. To get started today, talk about the question below as a group:

- Share with your group a brief story about a memorable moment you have had with Jesus. What was the impact of that moment?

Seek the Word: Before discussing this week's questions, read through Mark 1:16-20 out loud as a group. What stands out to you from this passage?

Follow

What does it mean to follow Jesus as a disciple? What do you know the definition of disciple to be?

- Exploration- Follow
 - What is your "follow me" moment with Jesus? What did it take for you to say "yes" to that question?
 - Where do you go to find answers to your curiosity? How do you prepare yourself to help others as they are exploring following Jesus?
- Formation- Drop Your Nets
 - What does it mean to "surrender" to Jesus? What is your gut reaction to hearing that expectation set by Jesus?
 - What is a "net" that you are holding onto that you need to drop in order to surrender to Jesus? What does surrender practically look like for you?
- Multiplication- Fish for People
 - Do you have a One Life? Share with your group what that relationship is like and how you are showing them Jesus through your relationship.
 - What is one intentional way that you can "fish for people" this week? How can you be a part of the church's mission to multiply?

Wrap Up

Reminder: **The closer you get to Jesus, the more your life will change.** This is a certainty that we will be exploring over the course of the coming weeks in the Gospel of Mark, and also something that we will be experiencing in our own lives as we live out what we learn. When we have a **defining moment** with Jesus, we are asked to follow, surrender, and then multiply. When we commit to the life of being a disciple— where we follow Jesus, are continually changed by Jesus, and remain on mission with Jesus— we are able to invite others into having their own **defining moments** with Jesus.

Challenge: Make a Movement

Each of us has a next step that we can take, directly relating to this passage. You might be in the exploration phase, still trying to get answers to your questions and satisfy your curiosity. Others might be in the formation phase, learning how to set your nets down and surrender to Jesus as King. Others still might be in the multiplication phase, where you are being called to go and fish for people, making disciples of Jesus. Whichever phase you are in, your challenge this week is to make some sort of movement. Ask the questions, drop a net or two, or have a conversation with someone about Jesus. Make a movement that will bring you closer to Jesus, and watch what life change can happen when we do.

Prayer: Close your time together praying for your group as we go through this series. Ask that God reveal Himself to you in powerful ways, that you all can have a **defining moment** with Jesus, and that you respond faithfully to what God is calling you to do. This is going to be a challenging series, but will also be an *impactful* series if we allow God to do His work in us, so pray for open hearts, minds, and hands to receive what God has and then act upon it.