

August 20 | Sunday
Peter, the Fisherman from Galilee
Read [Luke 5:1-11](#)



14 | Mon – Introductions | Read [John 1:35-44](#)

Enter Simon, son of John, brother of Andrew. He was perhaps the most outspoken and brash of Jesus' first disciples. Andrew was a follower of John the Baptist but after spending one day with Jesus, he believed he had found the Messiah. When Andrew introduced Simon to Jesus, it was an odd encounter. Jesus acknowledged who Simon was but indicated who he was to become (a rock). Names are important to God. Do you know the meaning of yours?

15 | Tue – Commitment | Read [Matthew 4:18-20](#)

Few people in Jesus' culture were recreational fishermen. When Simon (Peter) and Andrew "left their nets" to follow Jesus, it was the equivalent of quitting a fulltime job. That takes conviction, especially because Simon was married. This major life decision probably had a huge effect on his family and friends. Have you ever made a major decision because it was the right thing to do? Sometimes it is risk to follow where Jesus is leading. Are you willing?

16 | Wed – Ask the experts | Read [Luke 5:1-11](#)

Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John were professional fishermen. So why would they take fishing advice from a rabbi? Was it because all their efforts had failed, so why not? The results was so amazing, it affected Simon Peter's core view of himself. Are there times in your life when you feel frustrated with your lack of progress? Could it be Jesus is waiting for you to come to the end of your own abilities to give 'advice' that would change everything?

17 | Thu – What is the difference? | Read [Mark 3:13-19](#)

Jesus was midway through his ministry and many, many people were following him. But Jesus only chose 12 to be his disciples. The names are also recorded in Matthew 10:2 and Luke 6:14 with Peter at the top of each list. Does it say something about Peter's leadership potential? (Maybe God knows us better than we know ourselves.) Jesus made a distinction between a follower and a disciple. What do you think is the difference?

18 | Fri – A promotion | Read [1 Peter 2:1-9](#)

Peter knew it was not his 'resume' that put him among Jesus' disciples; it was God's gracious choice. There are times when we earn a position. Then there are times when it is totally a gift. How do you use, think about, appreciate, and work differently at an unexpected or unsought position than if you had earned it? How does this translate to your position before God?

19 | Sat – Now what? | Read [1 Peter 2:9-10](#)

Writing in his later years, Peter knew and wanted to remind his readers that God doesn't call us to passively enjoy the benefits of grace. Instead God has called us to actively make his wonderful acts known. When you come to know what an incredible "person" that God is and once you see all the amazing ways God expresses love and grace to you, the obvious next step is to help others get to know God too. How does that work in your life?