**Learn on Your Own**

**Day 1: Gone Fishing!**

Review the video for this session.

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**Engage**

Read [John 21:1–19](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn21.1-19).

**Consider**

Before leaving it all to follow Jesus, Peter was a fisherman. In this passage, Peter was once again trying to catch fish. But things changed when Jesus arrived and has a life-changing conversation with Peter.

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| **QUESTION**  What helped the disciples realize that it was Jesus speaking to them from the shore? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus tell Peter to do three times to show his love? |

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| **QUESTION**  What is something you could do to feed others spiritually? |

**Reflect**

Jesus questioning Peter’s love three times is important because it mirrors the number of times that Peter denied Jesus before His death ([Luke 22:61](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk22.61)). This proves that our greatest failures are no match for Jesus’ grace and forgiveness.

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| **QUESTION**  What does this story teach you about God’s grace, forgiveness, and desire to free you from shame in your life? |

**Activate**

Just like Peter, have a personal conversation with Jesus today through prayer. Invite Him into the areas of your life where you have fallen short and experienced the greatest regret. Ask Him to show you His mercy and grace.

**Pray**

Father, I know I need Your mercy and grace every single day. I need everything Jesus’ saving work has to offer. Remind me that no sin or failure is too big for You to forgive and restore. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 2: Seeking and Saving**

**Engage**

Read [Luke 19:1–10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk19.1-10).

**Consider**

Jesus’ dinner at Zacchaeus’s house was a big deal because Zacchaeus was a tax collector. At that time, tax collectors were notoriously disliked for cheating people out of money to line their own pockets. Some people even said Zacchaeus was a sinner. Jesus wasn’t afraid to cross lines like this. In doing so, He gives us a glimpse into why He came to earth.

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| **QUESTION**  Why were the people upset with Jesus having dinner at Zacchaeus’s house? |

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| **QUESTION**  In the final verse of the story, why does Jesus say that He came to earth? |

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| **QUESTION**  How can you follow Zacchaeus’s example and do whatever it takes to see Jesus more clearly? |

**Reflect**

Notice how Zacchaeus did what he needed to do to see Jesus. Because of his persistence, he shared a dinner with Jesus that others missed. He also used that meeting with Jesus to promise to make right the things he had done wrong.

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| **QUESTION**  Have you ever gone back to someone you had wronged to make things right? Why or why not? |

**Activate**

Consider going back to someone you hurt or took advantage of in some way. Ask them to forgive you for any wrong or hurt you brought.

**Pray**

Seeking and Saving God, thank You for seeking me out and saving me from my sins. I want to be like Zacchaeus, doing whatever it takes to see You more clearly. Help me to focus on You throughout my day. Amen.

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**Day 3: Born Again?**

**Engage**

Read [John 3:1–17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn3.1-17).

**Consider**

The world’s most well-known Bible verse, [John 3:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn3.16), comes in the middle of a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Pharisees like Nicodemus were often described as being in opposition to Jesus’ ministry. But this conversation was different. Nicodemus acknowledged that Jesus is sent from God.

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| **QUESTION**  According to Nicodemus, what is the evidence that God is with Jesus? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus say is necessary to see the kingdom of God? |

**Reflect**

Verse [17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn3.17) tells us that Jesus came to save the world, not to judge the world. Some other translations of this verse say *condemn* instead of *judge*. In other words, Jesus didn’t come to bring shame and guilt on people for their sins. Jesus came to save people from their sins.

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| **QUESTION**  Do you think people in our world today think Jesus came to judge them or save them? |

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| **QUESTION**  How can you show the saving love of Jesus to people in your own life? |

**Activate**

John also wrote [1 John](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Jn), which is one of the last books in the New Testament. Read [1 John 3:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Jn3.16), which has similarities to [John 3:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn3.16). Make a point to memorize [1 John 3:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Jn3.16) this week.

**Pray**

God, thank You for the saving grace that You have given me. I want people to see who You really are—a loving God who is ready to save! Help me to live that kind of life and to share with others Your great love and desire to see them saved for all eternity. Amen.

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**Day 4: Through the Roof!**

**Engage**

Read [Mark 2:1–12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk2.1-12).

**Consider**

In today’s passage, four men were desperate to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus. He healed the man in more ways than one. This frustrated the religious leaders, as Jesus was known to often do. Jesus’ actions proved that He was who He said He was. He had the power and authority to do the things that He did.

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| **QUESTION**  When the house was too crowded, how did the friends get the paralyzed man to Jesus? |

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| **QUESTION**  How did Jesus prove that He has the authority to forgive sins? |

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| **QUESTION**  Imagine being at the house on that day listening to Jesus preach. How would you feel if a man were suddenly being lowered through the ceiling? |

**Reflect**

The four friends were desperate to get the paralyzed man to Jesus. They knew that Jesus could help when nobody else could. The friends were willing to do whatever it took—even cutting a hole in the roof—to see their friend healed.

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| **QUESTION**  How can you actively lead your friends and family members who don’t know Jesus to Him? |

**Activate**

Make a list of two to five friends who do not know Jesus. Add those names to your daily prayer time for the next week.

**Pray**

Powerful Lord, I want to be desperate for my friends to know You. Only You can save them and offer the grace and forgiveness that they desperately need. Help me to do whatever it takes to lead my friends to You. Amen.

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**Day 5: Amazing Grace!**

**Engage**

Read [Ephesians 2:1–10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph2.1-10).

**Consider**

Ephesians is a letter written by Paul to Christians in Ephesus. Paul wanted to remind the Ephesians that God’s grace really is amazing. It’s based on Jesus’ saving work, not our good works. God does the saving; we just do the believing and trusting!

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| **QUESTION**  Why were the Ephesians spiritually dead? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to this passage, what is the only reason we have been saved? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why does Paul say we cannot brag about our salvation? |

**Reflect**

Notice how many descriptive words Paul used to describe God’s character towards us. He used words like *mercy, love, grace*, and *kindness*. Wow!

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| **QUESTION**  How has God shown you His mercy, love, grace, and kindness in your life? |

**Activate**

When you receive a great gift, you don’t take credit for it; you just say thank you. Take five minutes to simply thank God for all of the attributes listed in these verses and for the gift of salvation that He freely gave to you.

**Pray**

Life-giving God, You are so good! Thank You for the gift of salvation and for Your mercy, grace, and love toward me. I know it’s a gift, not a reward. Help me to live my life reflecting Your gift of salvation. Amen.

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