

SOAP DEMONSTRATED

Scripture: John 1:35-42

Observations:

- *Jesus stops walking and asks the guys following him a question—he is more interested in them than wherever he was going.*
- *The first words out of Jesus' mouth are "What do you want?" While they say they want to know where he is staying, truthfully they want to spend time with him.*
- *Without hesitation, Andrew runs to tell his brother about Jesus.*
- *Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter.*

Application

- What does this say about God/Jesus?
Jesus' mission was to spend time with people and change them.
- What does this say about me?
*I have a deeper longing than I am willing to admit.
I should be excited to tell others about Jesus.*
- What does it say about God's relationship to me?
*He cares about me. He is seeking me out.
He is interested in me introducing Him to my friends.*

Prayer:

Jesus, I can be so busy with daily tasks that I often fail to see you pass by. Please give me eyes to see you and ears to hear your voice. Deep down, I want to find rest for my restlessness and you alone can fill that longing. Show me who needs a word of encouragement today. Amen.

SOAP PRACTICED

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Observations:

- What was Simon doing when Jesus showed up?
- What is Simon's response at the size of their catch?
- Who was with Simon?
- What do they do after Jesus' invitation in verse 10?

Application

- What does this say about God/Jesus?
Why does Jesus seek people out rather than wait for them?

Why does God use fishermen as the first followers?
- What does this say about me?
Would I notice if Jesus showed up at my office? Why/Why not?

Would I be willing to obey Jesus telling me what to do after a long night of not catching fish? Why/Why not?
- What does it say about God's relationship to me?
What does God want from me?

Prayer: