

BASIC CHURCH – PART III

“The Defining Moment”

Luke 5:1-11

We all have defining moments in life such as when we get married, have our first child, graduate from high school or college, get our first job and so forth. The most significant defining moment in anyone’s life is when they become a disciple of Jesus. In our passage for today, Peter had previously met Jesus, had a relationship with him, but wasn’t a committed disciple. Today’s teaching will reveal Peter’s defining moment with Jesus that changed his life.

#1. DEFINING MOMENTS WITH JESUS REQUIRE REARRANGING OUR _____, vv. 1-3

- A. Peter wasn’t a committed disciple at this point
- B. Peter had met Jesus previously
- C. Peter was preoccupied with his fishing business
- D. Jesus stepped into Peter’s life

#2. DEFINING MOMENTS WITH JESUS REQUIRE A _____, vv. 4-5

- A. Peter was told to do something illogical
- B. Peter was a fisherman Jesus was a carpenter
- C. Peter was out all night and caught nothing
- D. Peter reluctantly let down the nets

#3. DEFINING MOMENTS WITH JESUS CAN RESULT IN A NEW REVELATION OF _____, vv. 6-7

- A. Peter’s obedience was rewarded
- B. Peter’s buddies helped pull in the fish
- C. Peter just witness the greatest catch in his career

#4. DEFINING MOMENTS WITH JESUS CAN RESULT IN A NEW AWARENESS OF OUR _____, vv. 8-10

- A. Peter fell at Jesus knees – he worshiped
- B. Peter felt unworthy – Go away from me Lord!
- C. Peter saw himself clearly – I am a sinful man, (Isa 6:5)
- D. Peter’s buddies were amazed

#5. DEFINING MOMENTS WITH JESUS CAN RESULT IN A NEW _____ FOR OUR LIFE, v. 10b

- A. Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid”
- B. Jesus’ vision for Peter – From now on you will catch men
- C. Jesus’ call on Peter’s life as a leader of the 12

#6. DEFINING MOMENTS WITH JESUS CAN RESULT IN RADICAL _____, v. 11

- A. Peter was no longer a dropout
- B. Peter & his friends left the greatest catch ever
- C. Peter & his friends became no nonsense disciples

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Priorities, Step of Faith, Jesus’ Power, Sinfulness, Vision, Commitment.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. In what way(s) are the things we do with our time reflections of our priorities?
- #2. What is significant about Jesus taking the initiative to reclaim Peter—the dropout?
- #3. What is significant about Jesus stepping into Peter’s boat?
- #4. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus told him to cast his nets in the deep for a catch?
- #5. How do you think Peter felt when he knelt before Jesus and said, “Go away from me Lord, I am a sinful man?”
- #6. Why did Jesus tell Peter, “Don’t be afraid?”
- #7. How do you think the great catch of fish impacted the practical concerns that Peter had about taking care of his family and running his business if he followed Jesus?
- #8. Commitment in following Jesus grows in stages, it doesn’t happen overnight. Agree or disagree? Why?
- #9. Are there any things (activities, habits, attitudes) that prevent you from being more committed to following Jesus?
- #10. What have you learned from this teaching?

Welcome to Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness!

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Thank you for visiting us this morning. We hope you have a blessed time of worship.

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series “Basic Church.” His message this morning focuses on Peter having a defining moment with Jesus, which is what we all need to do.

NEXT SATURDAY - SPRING CLEANING

Saturday April 1st, from 9 – noon. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

After the service help prepare the Easter egg hunt for the children. Snacks and beverages will be provided

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS – APRIL 7th, 6PM

Join us for a time of contemplative worship as we reflect on the death of Jesus, which paid the penalty for the sins of the world.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9th

Who can you invite to the service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

The Bible study: Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm will begin after Easter Sunday. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

PROJECT “WINDOW 23”

Thus far \$2,985 has been donated to pay for the \$5,000 window project. Make sure you write building fund in the memo of your check or envelop if you contribute to this project. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

EAST INDIAN DINNER – SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 5:30PM

Join the Hillcrest family for our annual East Indian Dinner, which features authentic East Indian food that is delicious! The purpose of the dinner is to raise money for the Kibaale Community school in Uganda and the Great Commission Fund, which supports missionaries.

CHURCH IN THE PARK – JUNE 4

PROJECT ROOF 23

Hillcrest church needs a new roof! The cost is between 50K – 60K depending on how much dry rot is discovered once the shingles are removed. We don’t have the money to pay for this. We are in the process of securing a loan from our denomination. Be praying that God would make a way for us to pay for this and how you might contribute to this project.