



Week Four | The Fishing Net | 03.27-28.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

» Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: In your opinion, what business has the best customer service?
- Digging Deeper: Why do you think customer service is important? What happens when a business has poor customer service?

» Observation | Read Matthew 13:47-52; Mark 10:13-16

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | **Heaven is for committed disciples, not satisfied customers.**

(12 minutes)

- Spend this time talking through the differences of being a Committed Disciple versus a Satisfied Customer.
- Satisfied Customers: Assume the worst in others and the best in themselves; often settle for knowing more information about God intellectually; sees others as a means to getting what they want; greatly desire what Jesus can give to them without personal cost.
- Committed Disciples: Understand that hurt people hurt people, and the foot of the cross is level for everyone; will continually seek to know God deeper personally; gladly consider others before themselves because that's what Jesus did for them; willingly embrace the cost of publicly following Jesus because of who He is, not what they get.

» Kingdom of Judgement | Reference Matthew 13:47-50

(12 minutes)

- Jesus is talking about an eventual judgment; how does that make you feel?

» Kingdom of Forever | Reference Matthew 13:51-52

(12 minutes)

- What is the role of a faith that works 'from salvation' rather than 'for salvation'?

» Kingdom of Invitation | Reference Mark 10:13-16

(12 minutes)

- How does the simplicity of Jesus' call in Mark 10 appeal to your obedience and allegiance to Him?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What has gotten in the way of you experiencing this kingdom or extending it to others?
- This week, encourage your group to think through these questions about their own discipleship: What do you sacrifice your money for? Where do you go for comfort when you are hurting? What breaks your heart the most? What are you most excited about?