

# WEEKEND RESOURCES | JANUARY 28, 2024 Week Three | Deeper Waters

## USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** Our mindset is everything. It shapes our world and it shapes our reality. And the greatest weapon you & I have is our ability to choose one thought over another. And sometimes before we can experience the blessing that is waiting for us, we have to go through a season of waiting where we catch nothing, but continue to trust.

### **Main Points**

- Surrender Your Boat
- Push Out Into Deeper Water
- Cast Your Nets Again
- You will never miss the fish you leave behind to follow God in faith.

## Setting Started

• What are some of the names people used to call you that would no longer describe who you are today?

#### Observation

- Read and reflect on Ephesians 3:20; Luke 5:1-11; John 21:7, 15-17; Romans 12:2
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?



• What would it look like to live generously toward your neighbors? Let your neighbors know what you have that they can use. "Hey I've got a snowblower. You can borrow it anytime." Or a ladder, a table saw, whatever you've got. Hold loosely to what God has given you and allow it to be a blessing to others.



- What is an obligation you have that might actually be an opportunity God has for you to be a part of what he wants to do through you?
- The "blessing" will follow obedience. It will not precede it. That wouldn't take faith. And God's goal for your life is not fish it's faith. Do you have the faith to "fish" in the midst of frustration?
- What is an impossible situation you are facing right now? What do you need more of? (Trust, risk, love, forgiveness?)
- What is God calling you to more of?



• Fishing requires time and patience, and even then there are no guarantees you will catch anything. Talk as a family about times you have had to wait patiently for something big to happen. What can you do while you wait to help you keep trusting God in the in-between?

## >> Next Steps and Prayer

- This week, take some time to reflect on these questions:
  - o Will you surrender your boat?
  - Will you push out into deeper water?
  - o Will you cast your nets again?
- Close by praying for God to give you the boldness to trust him enough to follow him into the deeper waters of faith.