

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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## Arise: Discipleship

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The disciples had fished all night. They had thrown their nets over the side of the boat time and again but came up empty. So Jesus invited them to do something completely different, to try something entirely new. That's when everything changed! Jesus is calling us to do the same thing. Are you ready for what will happen?

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: JOHN 21:1-7A

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

There are two essential questions that each of us gets to ask every day; questions of identity and questions of purpose. The identity question is, "Who am I?" The purpose question is, "What am I doing here?" Jesus wanted his disciples in every age and time to be able to answer those two questions. Our responses largely depend on understanding what it means to follow the Rabbi Jesus, do the things that Jesus did, think what he thought about, be moved by the things that moved him, and be his hands and feet in the world.

In the Gospel of John, a fascinating story gives us a clear insight into what it will mean to be Disciples of Jesus for the next generation.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How would you have answered the questions "who am I" and "what am I doing here" when you were younger (pick an age). How do you answer them today? Are your answers quite similar or very different? Why?
- Read Psalm 25:4-15, Luke 10:1-2, Luke 9:23-24, and John 13:34-35. How do these verses enhance your understanding of discipleship?
- After the resurrection, Jesus' disciples returned to what felt safe and familiar. Share a story about a mountaintop experience in your life. How did it change you? Did the change last? Why or why not?
- In what way(s) is Jesus urging you to try something new?

**APPLICATION:** When Jesus challenged the disciples to throw their nets off the other side of the boat, He challenged them to see everything from a new perspective, from a resurrection perspective, where the stone of limitations has been rolled away. Where in your life could you use a fresh perspective? Spend some time in prayer seeking to see your identity and purpose from God's perspective.