FTERMATH

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SERMON RECAP

In his sermon, Mike Breaux emphasizes the importance of living a purposeful and adventurous life by following Jesus rather than being stuck in boredom and routine. He recounts the transformative journeys of the apostles, particularly Peter and John, who went from ordinary fishermen to powerful leaders in spreading the message of Christ after being chosen by Him. Breaux challenges us to break free from complacency and to embrace the calling to make meaningful ripples in the lives of others. Ultimately, he encourages everyone to say "yes" to God's prompting and choose a life that reflects faith, courage, and vibrant purpose.

GET STARTED

• What is one thing from your bucket list that you want to accomplish before you go home to heaven?

TAKE IT IN

• What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?

TALK IT OVER

Read Luke 5:1-11 & 1 Peter 2:9

- Can you think of a time in your life when you felt chosen or included? How did that experience shape your view of yourself?
- Our past, present, and future has a purpose. This is a lesson that Peter began to learn in Luke 5:1-11. What does it mean to be 'chosen' by God, as mentioned in the sermon and these Scriptures? How can that affect our sense of self-worth?
- Mike talked about how many people find their lives boring, leading to a longing for something more meaningful. He described boredom as "the desire for desires". How does this relate to the way we often perceive our daily lives?

• Multiple times Mike mentioned that God is inviting us into an adventurous faith. Reflect back over your past or present. When has there been or is there currently a time in your faith where you feel bored? How did or might you combat that boredom?

Read Acts 4:1-22

- Peter and John were bold in their faith, even in the face of threats from religious leaders. How did Peter and John demonstrate boldness in their response to the Sanhedrin? What can we learn from their courage when facing opposition for their faith? Have you ever felt the need to stand up for your beliefs, whether in work, school, and/or with friends/family? How did you handle that situation?
- Acts 4:13 notes that the leaders recognized Peter and John as having been with Jesus. What is it about this description that makes it so powerful? This summer, what habit(s) do you need to build in order for this note to be added to your life? Talk about a practical plan with your group.
- Mike spoke about how following Jesus can create ripples of influence, touching lives well beyond our own. How have the ripples of someone else's faith impacted your life? What ripples do you hope to create in your family, friends, or community? What one specific next step you need to take to make that happen?
- No one wants to look back and say, "I lived a boring life." We all want to have a life with adventure especially when it comes to our faith. Look out into this week or month. What is one area God is leading you to step out of your comfort zone towards new opportunities for growth and faith adventure?
- After they were released, Peter and John shared what happened with the church. Amazingly, the church's first reaction was to pray for more boldness (Acts 4:29), and they became more eager to share the gospel. Where do we, as a group, need to pray for boldness when it comes to living out your faith? Take time to pray over the answers to this question.

LIVE IT OUT

Throughout this week's study you were challenged to break out of boredom and move towards a faith adventure. This could include being courageous, developing new spiritual habits, creating spiritual ripples, expanding your comfort zone, and/or praying for boldness. These questions were not meant to discourage, but encourage. The goal was to reflect, dream about a future faith, and pursue it alongside God. Reflect back over your answers to the questions. Be courageous in breaking out of the boredom of faith this summer. Finally, pray for boldness. If you want an adventurous faith, the best place to start is asking God for it!

Memorize: "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13