

I Believe in God, but...

I Don't Like Organized Religion

LifeGroup Lesson

April 28, 2019

OPENING PRAYER: As a group or a family please pray for your church, that we might reach people who love Jesus but don't like the church or are fearful of organized religion. May we be an honest representative of what Jesus wants a church to look like.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you think when you heard that the number of people disconnecting from the church is growing larger every year.
- Have you ever invited someone to church? How did it go?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Matthew 4:18-22

- This part of the book of Matthew talks about Jesus calling the first disciples to be his followers. Is there a lesson we can learn today about how to ask people to follow Jesus?
- What is common thread in this passage? Is it asking, is it relationships, is it Jesus asks us and then we ask others, or all the above?
- What does Jesus mean when he says I will show you how to fish for people?
- What would you do if someone you knew wanted to go to church?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Begin by praying that your church would be open to new people. Then, pray for someone who you know who does not know Jesus or go to church. Pray that an opportunity would open up in that person's life where they would be invited to know Jesus and come to church – maybe with you. Pray for that person by name.