

## **We are Named**

LifeGroup Lesson

March 11, 2018

John 1:35-42

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Gracious God, we are students in search of a Teacher, we are disciples longing for the Master, we are sinners redeemed by the Savior, we are Christians following the Christ. We come to worship, study and learn from you and the Teacher, Master, Savior and Christ whom you sent to us. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our Strength and Redeemer. Amen.

### **BREAKING THE ICE:**

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk?
- How did you get your name? Does it have any meaning? Your children?

### **WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

In today's scripture, Jesus calls his first disciples and renames Peter. Read John 1:35-42.

- What are the characteristics of each disciple in this passage? Which one of the disciples resonates with you? Explain.
- What was your motive for initially following Jesus? What were the circumstances that led you to do so? What is one way you can follow Jesus more closely this week?
- What are the different titles/names for Jesus in this passage? How does each speak to you? Which name do you identify with most, why?
- What does it mean for you that Jesus calls you Christian? How do you live this out in your life?

Naming is important throughout the bible. Read the following scriptures. What does it teach you about faith and life? How will it impact your life? Isaiah 43:1-4a; Exodus 3:13-15; Genesis 17:1-8; John 10:1-5; Genesis 32:22-32; Hosea 2:21-23; Acts 26:12-18; 2 Samuel 12:24-25

### **NEXT STEPS:**

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- Make a list of all the names for God. Use this as a prayer.
- As a prayer, sit with God and hear what your new name would be.
- What one act will you do this week differently?

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

Almighty and ever living God, you are beyond the grasp of our highest thought, but within the reach of our frailest trust: Come in the beauty of the morning's light and reveal yourself to us. Enrich us out of the heritage of seers and scholars and saints into whose faith and labors we have entered and quicken us to new insights for our time; that we may be possessors of the truth of many yesterdays, partakers of your thoughts for today and creators with you of a better tomorrow; through Jesus Christ the Lord of the ages. --Henry Sloan Coffin