

# YOUR NEW BOSS

## New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers

**Topic:** Count the Cost and Surrender to God!  
**Question:** What does it cost us to follow Jesus?

### Report & Celebrate (20-40 minutes)

#### 1. Share & Care

Share life's journey by spending time together and communicating during the week. Talk about your joys and your struggles, and support one another in prayer.



Care

#### 2. Accountability

##### *Following Jesus*

- How has God challenged you from His Word?
- What was your "obedience" goal last week? How were you faithful to obey what God put on your heart?



Report

##### *Fishing for Jesus*

- Did you share last week's lesson? How did it go?
- With whom did you share the gospel this past week? If you didn't share, what is stopping you?



Sow

#### 3. Worship

Praise God for what has just been shared. Use a song, read a Psalm, or share a testimony of answered prayer!



Worship

### Notes:

- If time is limited or the group is large, break into smaller groups of 2-3 for accountability time.
- Begin training participants to disciple others by encouraging one of them to lead the "Report & Celebrate" section today.
- Remind the group that we want to see lives impacted with the gospel and to look for opportunities to share with others. Our goal is to make disciples who make disciples.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.  
 The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

## Hear & Obey (20-40 minutes)

### 4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**?

Have 3 participants look up Matthew 4:18-22, Luke 14:25-33 and 1 John 2:5-6. Read all three of the passages and then discuss the questions below.

- *What truths do you learn from these passages?*
- *What choices did people in these passages make?*
- *What is the cost of following Jesus?*



Learn

### 5. Application - What must I **OBEY**?

- *In this story, is there an example I will follow?*
- *How will my life change based on what I'm learning?*



Correct

### Notes:

- Being a disciple is like being an apprentice to someone. It means you are influenced by their teachings and try to follow their example.
- For **Cast Vision** on the next page in Section 8, use the story provided, or use a Bible verse or a personal illustration to cast a compelling vision of how God wants to impact lostness in your city and beyond!



Guide

### Do's and Do Not's

- **Do** let the Holy Spirit be the teacher.
- **Do** remember to study for obedience rather than for knowledge!
- **Don't** dominate the conversation; encourage everyone to participate.  
Facilitator = 30%, Participants = 70%
- **Don't** demand correct answers.
- **Don't** get distracted, stay on topic.

## **Fishermen Called to be Disciples**

### **Matthew 4:18-22**

18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, *“Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”* 20 And they left their nets at once and followed Him.

21 A little farther up the shore He saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And He called them to come, too. 22 They immediately followed Him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

## **The Cost of Being a Disciple**

### **Luke 14:25-30,33**

25 A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, 26 *“If you want to be My disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple. 27 And if you do not carry your own cross and follow Me, you cannot be My disciple.*

28 *“But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? 29 Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. 30 They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’... 33 So you cannot become My disciple without giving up everything you own.”*

### **1 John 2:5-6a**

5 But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love Him. That is how we know we are living in Him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

## Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

### 6. Practice

- Retell the stories in Matthew and Luke to model for them; then pair up and take turns retelling the story.
- Pair up and practice sharing the gospel message using a simple, reproducing tool.



Equip

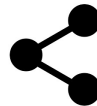
### 7. Plan - With whom will I **SHARE**?

Draw a circle in the middle of a paper and put your name in it, then draw other circles around it representing your family and friends.

- Which ones know Jesus?
- Which ones will you pray for?
- With whom will you share this week and what will you share?



Plan



Reproduce

### 8. Cast Vision

In today's Bible passage we see that Jesus told his followers to follow Him and He would show them how to fish for people! Jesus wanted His disciples to tell others the good news about God's love and the bad news about how we have each rebelled against God and of Jesus' sacrifice to make things right again!

Izaak Walton once said "As no man is born an artist, so no man is born an angler." The same is true for us, no man is born a fisher of men. It takes practice! It can also take courage to share the gospel with others who need to hear!

**Keep practicing and keep sharing!**



Vision

### 9. Commissioning Prayer

Pray for one another for boldness to share!



Pray

### Extra Challenge:

- Begin memorizing the 27 books of the New Testament.
- Memorize "***My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.***" Galatians 2:20



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