



## Followers Fish

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### Extra Notes:

*Matthew 4:18-19 NIV; Luke 15:7 MSG; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 NIV;  
1 Peter 2:9-10 MSG*

#### 1. Share the \_\_\_\_\_ we have. *(1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV)*

- How I realized I \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
- How I \_\_\_\_\_ my life to Christ.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ it has made in my life.

#### 2. Share \_\_\_\_\_ . *(Luke 14:23 NIV)*

- I will \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ .  
*(Matthew 2:17; John 6:44 NIV)*
- I will show \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ .  
*(Hebrews 13:16 NIV)*
- I will \_\_\_\_\_ to join me at a service.

*Dr. Robert Schuller - "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed."*

## Midweek Small Group Discussion:

### Acts 22:1-21

Read the story of Paul's conversion experience in Acts 22:1-21.

In verse 2 we read that Paul spoke in Hebrew which caused his audience to listen to what he had to say. Why do you think they were more attentive to that particular language? How does knowing your audience influence the way you share your faith story?

Think of one particular person in your life who you want to see come to Christ. With that person in mind, what is the best "language" for you to speak when talking to him/her about Jesus?

- A churchy language? Or a non-churchy language?
- A strong and confrontational language? Or a gentler and gracious language?
- An intellectual language? Or a simple language?
- A quiet language of love and deeds?
- A language that primarily warns of hell? A language filled with promises of heaven?

If you have crossed the line of faith and are a follower of Jesus, what "language" and speech compelled you to put your faith in Jesus?

Paul shared his story in a way that it was broken down into 3 parts:

- a) his life before Christ (verses 3-5)
- b) how he came to faith in Christ (verses 6-16)
- c) his changed life with Christ (verses 17-21)

What was Paul's life like before he became a follower of Christ? (verses 3-5)

How would you describe your life before choosing to follow Christ?

What circumstances led Paul to surrender his life to Christ? (verses 6-16)

How would you describe the role of Ananias in Paul's life?

What were the events surrounding your initial commitment to follow Jesus?

Who was an "Ananias" in your life? What were the most significant contributions he/she made in your life as a young disciple?

What does Paul have to say about his life and purpose once he committed to follow Christ? (verses 17-21)

How has your life purpose changed since you began following Jesus?

Imagine God audibly stating who He is calling you to serve and to minister to. Complete verse 21 in a way that fits with what you think God might be saying to you: "Go, for I will send you to \_\_\_\_\_."

Who might God be laying on your heart to invite to an Easter service? Will you commit to daily pray for that person by name? When will be your next best opportunity to invite him or her to one of our Easter services?

Take time now to pray for the people your group will be inviting to Easter services.

FOR YOUR NEXT GROUP MEETING: Practice sharing your faith story in the 3-part manner that Paul shared his. (Your life before Jesus, how you came to faith in Jesus, and your new life purpose because of Jesus.) Start your next meeting by asking for volunteers to briefly share their faith story 90-seconds or less.