Goal

This week’s discussion will help us see that while God wants to bless us, His blessing often comes after we have obeyed Him.

Conversation Starters

- What’s something you’ve experienced before that seemed like a really good thing, but it turned out there was a catch you weren’t expecting?

Review

Ask eGroup members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

Start with Scripture


Encourage your eGroup to open their Bibles to Luke 5. Ask someone in your eGroup to read this passage.

- In verse three, Jesus gets into a boat to teach the crowd, even though we know He was able to walk on water and didn’t need any help. Why did He instead give Simon (Peter) the opportunity to lend his boat for Jesus to use?
- In verse four, directly after Jesus has finished using Peter’s boat to preach, He tells Peter to head into deep water and let down the nets, which leads to a huge catch of fish. Why did Jesus wait until this point to bless Peter?
- Take It Further: Now read Luke 11:28. Why do you think Jesus included “and obey it,” at the end of His statement? What are the consequences of hearing the Word and not obeying it?

Make It Personal

- Jesus chose a time of great frustration in Peter’s life to bless him (after Peter obeyed
following a long stretch of fruitless fishing). What’s the greatest frustration you are experiencing? Why does God often choose these moments to move in our lives?

- How does your perspective on Peter’s actions change when we realize his boat belonged to Jesus in the first place? Does this change your perspective of the things God has given you? How?

- “Anything you offer to God, know this — He will not be out-given.” Do you believe this? What challenges do you face in completely trusting God with your time/resources/finances/decisions?

- “Blessings come when you obey before you understand.” Talk about an area in your life right now where you have the opportunity to obey before you understand/can see the blessing. What would it involve for you to obey in that area?

**Act On It**

- Think about an area of your life that you feel God wants to move in, and examine if you’re being fully obedient in that area. Come up with at least one small action step you can take this week in order to walk in obedience. Encourage each other over the coming week(s) to follow through and take action.

**Prayer Requests and Prayer**

Ask eGroup members to share any prayer requests they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

*Dear Lord, thank You for what You teach us and how You bless us through our obedience. Show us the areas of our lives where we still need to fully surrender to You, and grow our faith as we trust You with every outcome. In Jesus’ name, amen.*