

# JESUS INVESTIGATING

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WHY WE FOLLOW.

## INVESTIGATING JESUS | PART 3

Everywhere Jesus went, crowds gathered to listen. Everyone was talking about Jesus. Jesus taught in synagogues and Luke tells us that everyone praised him (**Luke 4:15–16**).

In fact, when Jesus launched his ministry, people who were nothing like Jesus, liked Jesus. And he liked them back.

### CONNECT

As a kid, what's something you were afraid to try, but with a little bit of encouragement, you did it? What motivated you to finally do it? How hesitant are you now to try things out of your comfort zone? Give an example.

### LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Encourage your group members to watch the full message sometime this week to remind them of what you talked about.

### APPLY

After giving your group members an opportunity to share what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Peter assumed, like many of us do at times, that God distances himself from sinners. How does the reminder that God came near through Jesus and remains with us even when we sin impact your view of him?
2. Have you ever acted in response to God's prompting? If so, what happened?
3. Have you ever intentionally disregarded something you felt God prompted you to do? If so, what happened?
4. Read **Luke 5:4** aloud as a group. Jesus asked Peter to do something within his ability after Jesus had shown himself to be trustworthy by healing Peter's mother-in-law. What does this tell you about the things God asks us to do?



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## BEFORE NEXT TIME

A lot of times, when God asks us to do something, he is providing an opportunity for us to trust him even though circumstances make that difficult. Reflect on Peter's response to Jesus in Luke 5:5: "But because you say so..." Ask God to give you that kind of faith.

Take some time to read **Luke 8–10** in preparation for Part 4.

## PRAY

Use Andy's prayer as a guide:

*Heavenly Father, thank you for preserving this extraordinary text that has changed so many of our lives and changed the world. So, wherever this lands with us, please give us the wisdom to know what to do. Then give us the courage to not just believe it and think about it and talk about it, but to do it. And Father, for somebody today, it needs to happen today. Thank you for your grace. Thank you for your mercy. Thanks for inviting yourself into the details, the relationships of our lives. I pray that we, like Peter, would just fall at your knees and just say yes, yes, yes, yes. It is in the matchless name of Jesus we pray, amen.*

