

# Back to Normal?

Luke 5:1-11

*Feel free to use this guide "as is" or formulate it in a way that works best for your online group this week.*

These three general questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon and the passages?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can you encourage and pray for each other to do what God told you?

**Sermon:** Back to Normal?

**Text:** Luke 5:1-11

## **Sermon Summary:**

In our sixth week of being separated due to COVID-19, some of us are just praying for everything to go back to normal. But is normal what we should be wanting? What can God do with people willing to live outside what they are used to?

## **Opening Question:**

- While sheltering-in-place, what have you NOT missed at all about your pre-pandemic life?

## **What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?**

- Read Luke 5:1-11.
- As you read the story of Peter and Jesus and the amazing catch, what stands out to you the most?
- What else did God's Spirit say to you through the sermon?

## **What are you going to do about it?**

- How is God using the current circumstances to shake you up?
- How do you want your post-pandemic life to be different?

## **How can you encourage and pray for each other to do what God told you?**

- What help would you need from God and your small group to help you start your "new normal" right now, with Him in control of your life?
- Pray for each other about these things.

## **Scripture Memory Verse:**

*"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

John 16:33

## **What's After ATX and Small Groups – We're Moving Forward!**

We're launching our What's After Life discussions at the end of April and Tim will do his kick-off sermon on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Here's what we're asking all small groups to do:

- Host the six-week What's after Life discussion in your online small group and have everyone in your group invite a friend or coworker to join you. Here's the link for the What's After Life videos (with discussion questions) and book ordering: <https://www.hcbc.com/whatsafter/>
- Encourage everyone in your small group to host a discussion with friends, family and coworkers who normally wouldn't attend church or are not following Christ.
- Be sure to sign up to host a discussion and have everyone in your group planning to host a discussion sign up, too. Go to our What's After ATX website page <https://www.hcbc.com/whatsafter/> and click on the "Host A Discussion" button.

You'll be receiving a call from your coach or pastor to discuss details.

## **COVID-19 General Applications:**

Confidence in God also gives us the ability to get our eyes off ourselves so we can serve others. Let's think beyond ourselves with these simple activities:

- Pray for your family, neighbors and coworkers that God would comfort them and provide for them through these difficult times.
- Follow the direction of the CDC and local, state and federal entities. Senior Citizens and other higher-risk category people, please stay home and let others serve you during this time.
- Sign up on the HCBC website resource page to volunteer to serve someone in need at the church: <https://www.hcbc.com/coronavirus/>