

# Grace Point Church Discovery Bible Study

Week of September 3, 2017

## FIRST THIRD: LOOK BACK

1. Care
  - Share any personal highlights or lowlights from the time since you last met.
  - Pray for one another in a way that works for your group (divide by gender or divide into groups of two or three).
2. **Worship God together** in a simple and relevant way. Take time to pray for the hurting families in the Houston area due to the impact of Harvey. Compile a list of people known to your group who may live in Houston or other areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Even the “non-affected” are affected, simply by association. Pray for the people on your list, for everyone in the affected areas, and for those who are assisting with recovery.

Take time to review last week’s discussion and what the group talked about from **Matthew 16:21–27 and Luke 9:22-25**.

3. Ask questions for accountability.
  - **Following:** (*We want to move the Bible into action*) How did you obey the lesson from last time? What was your big take-away?
  - **Fishing** (*we are encouraging all group members to share what they learned in group study. We can have groups anywhere and everywhere. We can invite unbelievers into groups*): Did you pray with anyone who was in need? Did you share a Bible study, your story, or Jesus’s story? Did you mention what God is doing in your life?
4. Cast Vision
  - Take a few moments to cast vision for reaching people that don’t have a relationship with Jesus and for making disciples.
  - Ask each person to identify one person they know – a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member – who does not follow Jesus. Share the first names of these people, write them down, and covenant to pray daily for those on the list.
  - Pray for people you know who are far from God (*identify an unreached people group from around the world at [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net) (they highlight a new people group every day) and take a few moments to educate your group on this day’s people group*).

## SECOND THIRD: LOOK UP

5. Before reading the passage, ask your group to
  - listen for what the passage **teaches us about God** and/or Jesus,
  - listen for what it **teaches us about people**.
6. **Read the new passage.** Assign two people to read the different accounts of Jesus calling Levi (later to be called Matthew) in **John 6:60-71**. Take a moment to explain the context of the chapter and Jesus’s “I am” statements.
7. Read the passage again from a third translation.
8. Ask the following questions about the story:
  - What do the passages **teach us about God** and/or Jesus?
  - What do they **teach us about people**?
  - What **questions** do you have about the passages?
  - What do the text and the Holy Spirit **tell us to DO**?
9. Without looking at the texts, have a volunteer to retell the passage in his/her own words, with others helping fill the gaps as needed.

**Think *SPACE*:**

- Is there a **Sin** to confess?
- Is there a **Promise** to claim?
- Is there an **Attitude** to change?
- Is there a **Command** to obey?
- Is there an **Example** to follow?

**FINAL THIRD: LOOK FORWARD**

Set personal goals and pray. Ask:

- what do you need to do this week to obey what you've learned?
- with whom could you share this passage, your story or the gospel story?