

DOWN TO EARTH



WEEK 2 - Give Up

Matthew 28:19-20 NLT Matthew 4:18-22 NIV

“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.”

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Icebreaker Question

Would you rather give up bathing for a month, or give up Internet for a month? Why?

DISCUSSION

- What’s one thing you learned from the message today?
- Have you ever had to make a choice between something you really wanted and something you weren’t sure about? What happened?
- Imagine I’m holding a stash of candy in one hand and a box in the other. If I told you that you had to choose one, but I promised what was in the box was better, which would you choose? What makes you say that?
- Read **Matthew 4:18-22 NIV** (printed on the front of this guide). What is this verse telling us? How and when did Jesus’ disciples choose to follow Him? (Immediately. Help your students notice that the disciples gave up something quickly for something better—following Jesus.)
- What is something you do that keeps you from spending time with God? (Leaders: Help your students know they don’t have to cut out everything fun in their lives to follow God. They do have to keep God as their first priority, and sometimes that means limiting fun things for the most important thing.)
- What’s something you can start doing to get closer to God? How will you do that this week?
- Pray together.

