



# THIS IS MY COMMUNITY

## Discussion Guide

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### Life is... Social Needs

**BOTTOM LINE:** Every life is lacking meaningful relationships. Being a friend creates the opportunity for someone to start a relationship with Jesus.

#### Discussion Questions

*Begin group time by reading Luke 5:1-11 which is the story of Jesus calling Simon Peter to follow him.*

1. As a group, make a list of the qualities that would make the best friend humanly possible. What do they do? How do they act?
2. Has there ever been a season in your life (maybe it is right now) where you haven't had a good friend, or a group of friends to provide support, encouragement, or a listening ear in your life? What was that like? How might having a great friend have dramatically changed that?
3. Peter met Jesus after a long night of work, and Jesus invited him into an ongoing friendship. As a group, discuss how Peter's friendship with Jesus impacted his life (see Acts chapter 2 if you are struggling to come up with anything). How are friends able to shape and change you in a way that just information can't?
4. Go back to the list for the best friend ever you created in question one. Who are you being that friend to right now? Anybody? Is your faith in Jesus a part of how you are befriending that person? Assess what kind of friend you are in your realm of influence and share your thoughts with the group.
5. Wrap up your group time by reading Luke 14:15-24. Jesus is asking each of us to be the kind of friend who is inviting everyone we can to His party. The challenge will be whether or not we can be the kind of friends who make people want to come join the party.

#### Prepare for the Challenge Time

Hand out the weekly challenges to your group. Read over them together and take a moment to share ideas or opportunities you might have on how to complete the challenges. Remind everyone that these weekly challenges aren't a checklist, but a kick start to applying the word of God to our lives and being involved in our community. Finish by praying for each other in the group that the Holy Spirit will prompt them and guide them as they give these challenges a try.