



242 Small Group Study Guide Missions

Have you ever been the victim of an airport layover? What if your layover lasted 11 years? That's how long it lasted for Merhan Nasser in a Paris airport. From 1988 to 1999 Merhan lived in Terminal 1, stuck between a country that did not claim him and a country that would not accept him. You'd think when he finally got a French residency permit, he would have "flown" out of there. But that was not the case. He refused to leave. He was so affected by his airport experience that he was afraid to make a change.

While we may not be able to relate to an 11-year layover, all of us have had experiences, good and bad, which have changed our lives. Today we want to look at a lesson from Jesus that changed Peter's life forever. Read Luke 5:1–11.

1. Jesus used an everyday situation to make disciples out of fishermen. Then he sent the disciples out to make more disciples. Whom did God use to reach you?

Read Matthew 9:37–38 and John 4:35

2. How much is one life worth? When Jesus stated that the harvest was full, He was speaking about lives. How many lives do you think make up a full harvest? In light of Matthew 18:14, how many lives won will it take for the Lord to consider it a great response to the gospel?

Read Luke 14:27–30

3. What are some daily challenges you may face if you actively share the gospel with those around you? What are the challenges of supporting an individual missionary or the Great Commission calling with your time or money?

Read Acts 1:8

4. What is one of the key ways Christ's followers are changed? How have you experienced change in your own life as a result of taking part in accomplishing Christ's Great Commission?
5. How can we take part in completing Christ's Great Commission worldwide?
6. What are you doing to reach the lost in your own community?
7. What are you doing to partner with missionaries who are reaching the lost? As a group, prayerfully consider how God would have you take part in completing His mission across the globe.