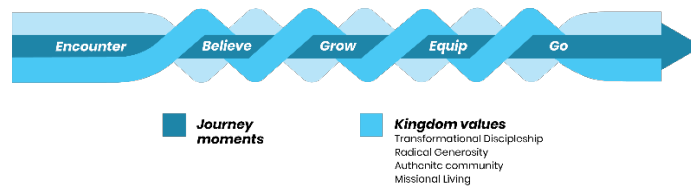


# ENCOUNTER

## *Journey of Discipleship Discussion Resources*

1. As we begin this new sermon series looking at the journey of discipleship seen in Peter's through the Gospels and Acts, begin by have an open discussion around discipleship. What is discipleship? How have you experienced discipleship in your life?
2. How do passages such as Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 8:34, 1 Cor 4:14-16 and Acts 1:8 shape your view of discipleship? What other passages would you add?
3. Reflect together on the model below. Where have you seen this elements in your own journey or in the journey of others? How is the model a helpful tool for you? How might it be unhelpful? You can watch the video explaining the model here as a group. <https://vimeo.com/468788901>

### **Journey of Discipleship Model**



4. Take the time to read the following four passages that share some of the first encounters Peter had with Jesus. What can you learn about Peter's journey from these passages? Matthew 4:18-20, Mark 1:16-18, Luke 4:38-39, John 1:40-42.
5. Take time to share the stories of how you first encountered Jesus in your own life. You may want to do this in pairs to allow more time for sharing, or as a whole group. What themes do you see coming out of each others stories? How might these themes align with what we saw in Peter's journey? How might this shape the way we seek to help others encounter Jesus?
6. How can you help others to encounter Jesus this week? You may wish to do the 15s testimony training as a group. Find the training video here: <https://vimeo.com/468788369> You can also do it without the video using the outline on the next page.

Spend some time praying for one another, and for specific people you would like to encounter Jesus.

## 15s Testimony Training

The idea of this form of testimony is to start a conversation. It will not be a complete explanation of the gospel, but a way to open a door to further conversations about faith. The aim is to have something light weight enough that people can choose to engage with, or not, as the Spirit has prepared them to.

1. Start by asking members of the group to turn to one another and say:

"There was a time in my life when..."

2. Ask members of the group to find two words to describe their life before they encountered Jesus:

"I was \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_"

Practice putting these two lines together and sharing with one another.

3. Ask members of the group to find two words/phrases to describe their encounter with Jesus:

"Then Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_"

Practice putting these three lines together and sharing with one another.

4. Ask members of the group to find two words to describe their life after encountering Jesus:

"My life now has/is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_"

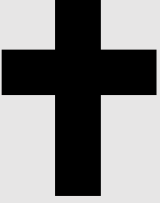
Practice putting these four lines together and sharing with one another.

5. Ask members of the group to think of a question that invites a response:

"Do you have a story like that?"

Practice putting the whole thing together and sharing with one another.

**Here is a visual you might find helpful:**

<b>There was a time in my life when...</b>		
<b>I was _____ &amp; _____</b>		<b>Now my life has _____ &amp; _____</b>
<b>Then Jesus _____ &amp; _____</b>		
<b>Question: Do you have a story like that?</b>		