

## Getting Started

1. What is a hobby of yours that you may not be particularly good at, but still enjoy doing?
2. What area do you wish you were gifted in? What gifts has God given you?
3. How is God calling you to serve right now? Have you made excuses to not serve him?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelburge Catechism Q&A 54:

#### **Q. What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?**

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word,<sup>1</sup> out of the entire human race,<sup>2</sup> from the beginning of the world to its end,<sup>3</sup> gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life<sup>4</sup> and united in true faith.<sup>5</sup> And of this community I am<sup>6</sup> and always will be<sup>7</sup> a living member.

<sup>1</sup> John 10:14-16; Acts 20:28; Rom. 10:14-17; Col. 1:18 <sup>2</sup> Gen. 26:3b-4; Rev. 5:9 <sup>3</sup> Isa. 59:21; 1 Cor. 11:26 <sup>4</sup> Matt. 16:18; John 10:28-30; Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:3-14 <sup>5</sup> Acts 2:42-47; Eph. 4:1-6 <sup>6</sup> 1 John 3:14, 19-21 <sup>7</sup> John 10:27-28; 1 Cor. 1:4-9; 1 Pet. 1:3-5

What would the world look like if the Church followed God wholeheartedly regardless of the challenges before us?

6. There are many instances in scripture where God calls everyday people to serve him. Three such examples: Exodus 3, Judges 6 and Isaiah 6. What do you learn from these accounts?
7. Standing before Jesus, Peter was aware of his sinfulness. Read Genesis 8:27; Job 42:6 and Isaiah 6:5. How do these people react before God?
8. While Peter did not always respond to Jesus in the best way (Matthew 16:21-23), he often responds with obedience. Read Matthew 14:22-33. Is God asking you do something that feels about as possible as walking on water?

## Application

9. When God calls you to serve him, do you respond with obedience or excuses? Peter and the other disciples were everyday people who did extraordinary things because of God. What might God use you for if you let him?

## Bible Reading Questions

November 14 – Matthew 28; Mark 16 – Why did some of Jesus's followers struggle with unbelief? Do you struggle?

November 15 – Luke 24; John 20-21 – Note how each gospel ends. What message are they trying to convey?

November 16 – Acts 1-3 – Acts is a historic account of the early Church. How does it begin? What are the first two sermons about?

November 17 – Acts 4-6 – There were so many miracles performed in the early Church. Why?

November 18 – Acts 7-8 – What stands out to you about the ministry of Stephen and Philip?

November 19 – Acts 9-10 – In Lev 11 God made some foods unclean and now he says that everything is acceptable, what gives?

November 20 – Acts 11-12 – Why was the early Church growing? What can we learn from the early Church?

## Ross Community Reformed Church

Pastor Shawn Gerbers · November 13, 2016

### “Everyday Obedience”

And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

Luke 5:4, 5

- God calls \_\_\_\_\_ people to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ to God \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.

Topics: Obedience, service, miracles