

# Discussion Questions

## LifeGroups



Date: January 3, 2021  
Sermon Series: Stand Alone Message  
Sermon Title: Rescuers  
Sermon Text: Matthew 4:19

### Bottom Line

Jesus commanded us to continue His rescue mission on earth. We exist to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ, and have a vision to impart the hope of the Gospel here, near, and far.

### Scripture

2 Peter 3:9b (NLT)

*He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

*19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Ephesians 1:4-6 (NLT)

*4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. 6 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.*

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

*...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Matthew 4:19-20 (NLT)

*19 Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" 20 And they left their nets at once and followed him.*

## Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

### Let's Start

Pastor Dale began his sermon this weekend by talking about a great rescue endeavor. What is your favorite rescue story? Why?

### Let's Talk

1. Read 2 Peter 3:9b. What does this passage reveal to us about the heart of God?
2. Read Matthew 28:19-20. What is the command in these verses? How important is disciple-making to you? How does this group help us become more effective as disciple-makers?
3. The mission of Wooddale Church is to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. Our vision is to impart of the hope of the Gospel here, near and far. Our goal is to make the hope of the Gospel known to more than 1,000,000 people by the end of 2022. What is compelling about our mission and vision?
4. Read Ephesians 1:4-6. What do these verses teach us about God's plan? How do we understand God in a deeper way because of these words?
5. Read Hebrews 12:2. What does it mean for you to fix your eyes upon Jesus? How does the author of Hebrews describe Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 4:19-20. What did Jesus call the first disciples to do? How are you following Jesus, being changed by Jesus and living on mission with Jesus?
7. Pastor Dale shared some stories of people who are part of our rescue team. What inspired you about what God is doing here, near, and far this weekend? (Here: Ken Castor; Near: Jordan Nelson; Far: Church Planter in Asia)

### Let's Act

God is calling Wooddale Church to look beyond ourselves in 2021. There are men, women, students and children who are stranded and need rescuing. Let's pray about what God would have each of us to do in this generation. Let's live as rescuers!

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