



# Are You With Me?

Week of August 21, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

## Message Recap:

### Read Matthew 4:19

When God asks us to be involved in his work, we usually have the reaction that we aren't capable of doing anything for God. In fact, sometimes we might feel like we just can't win at all. That's a deception though, because if we don't believe we can win, we won't even try. God designed you just the way you are for a specific purpose in this life, and if the world can stop you from trying, then it can stop you from being effective for God. It's time to give up the world dreams and embrace God's plan for you. You can do it because God has handed you the win in Jesus! Jesus is with you so you can live life on purpose, in purpose, for God's purpose. He is inviting you to live a bold mission to share his love with the world. It's time to remember that you've already won, and start living that win boldly.

## Pray

Father, let me feel your love more than anything else, more and more each day, so that I can be confident that in Jesus I have the win. Help me take my eyes off of what the world says I should be, and instead fully embrace who you say I am. Then show me how to live that win boldly and without fear.

## Getting Started

- What was the best thing that has happened to you this week?
- Have you ever had a dream or desire that you thought was just too big, but it happened anyway? Share your story.

## Listening Deeply

1. Does it ever seem like sometimes you just can't win? Share a story about a time when you felt like everything was going wrong. What made you hold on? How did you persevere?
2. True or false: If we don't believe we can win, we won't even try. Are you embracing failure as a part of your life? What can you do to change your "I can't" to "I can"?
3. Read Colossians 1:13-14. What does this verse tell you about how we can win in Jesus?
4. What does it mean to "Live the Win"?
5. How has God equipped you to live the big dream he desires you to live in? How will this help you to live the win boldly this week?
6. Are you with Jesus?

## Living Wide in Jesus

We might ask in our pain and struggle, our loneliness and doubt if God is really with us. But Jesus is asking you, "Are you with me?" Do you really believe that Jesus has changed your life? Are you confident that he has called you to a mission that was specifically created for you? Or are you living the kind of life where you dare little, try little, and do little? It's time to take Jesus up on his invitation to live a bold, believing mission to save the world. How are you going to attempt the impossible in God? For extra study, read the following verses and see how God wants you to live the win boldly.

- Matthew 28:20
- Matthew 8:13
- Ephesians 3:20
- Philippians 4:13
- Luke 18:27
- 1 Corinthians 12:18