



EPIPHANY

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
2. When did you first start following Jesus?

Read Luke 5:1-11

3. Have you ever felt like Peter? What about his story resonates with you?
4. How do you think Peter interpreted Jesus' words that Peter would be a fisher of men?
5. What does it mean to be a "soul of integrity"?
6. What are the differences between a *sincere* sinner and a *hypothetical* sinner?

Read the following quote from Thomas Merton.

Every one of us is shadowed by an illusory person: a false self. This is the man that I want myself to be but who cannot exist, because God does not know anything about him. And to be unknown by God is altogether too much privacy. My false and private self is the one who wants to exist outside the reach of God's will and God's love—outside of reality and outside of life. And such a self cannot help but be an illusion. ... The secret of my [true] identity is hidden in the love and mercy of God. —Thomas Merton

7. How would you describe your true self?
8. What would it feel like to be unknown by God?
9. How does the love and mercy of God work together to form our true selves?
10. What can you do this week to press in towards your true self?