

## **Small Group Discussion Questions**

### **Flawed: The Making of Peter – “Called”**

**Texts: John 1:35–42; Matthew 4:18–22**

1. Before Jesus called Peter to follow Him, He first said, “You are Simon son of John” (John 1:42).

Why do you think it is significant that Jesus knew Peter before He asked anything of him? How does it change the way you think about your relationship with God?

2. The sermon contrasted being analyzed with being known.

In today's world, many organizations and technologies know our habits, preferences, and behaviors. What is the difference between being known by data and being known by a person? Why does that distinction matter?

3. Jesus called Peter with the simple invitation, “Come, follow me” (Matthew 4:19).

What do you think Peter was leaving behind when he followed Jesus? What are some things people today may need to leave behind in order to respond to God's call?

4. The sermon suggested that animals are guided by instinct, machines by programming, but humans by vocation.

What do you think it means to live with a sense of vocation or calling? How is that different from simply having a job or pursuing success?

5. Throughout Scripture, God calls people by name—Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Mary, Peter, and many others.

Can you identify a time when you sensed God leading, prompting, or calling you in a particular direction? How did you respond?

6. Jesus said to Peter, “You are Simon ... you will be called Cephas” (John 1:42).

Jesus saw not only who Peter was, but who he could become. Looking back over your life, how have you seen God shaping and transforming you? Where do you still sense He is at work?

7. The sermon concluded with the question: “Whose voice has your attention?”

What voices most influence your thinking each day (news, social media, work, family, entertainment, AI, friends, etc.)? What practical steps could help you become more attentive to God's voice through creation, Scripture, prayer, and the teachings of Jesus?