



## **OPENED HANDS :: ANDY STANLEY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Salvation is free but following Jesus costs you something. This is seemingly the dilemma with Christianity. You get in by accepting the free gift of eternal life but once you are in, there seems to be an endless supply of rules and regulations—all asking you to start doing something or stop doing something else. In this session we'll examine the reasons why God asks you to give over your life to Him, and what hangs in the balance of your decision.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What emotions surface when you think about surrendering all of your life to God?
2. Do you feel like you can trust God?
3. When have you surrendered a part of your life to God? What was the result?
4. Read Luke 5:1-5. Why would Peter have been hesitant to put down his nets? What are some of the reasons why we are hesitant to follow where we feel God is leading us?
5. Read Luke 5:6-11. What did Peter gain by trusting God? What would he have missed out on by not putting down his nets?
6. Is there something in your life that you feel God is asking you to give over to Him? What could possibly be hanging in the balance?

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

What is keeping you from fully trusting God with your life?

### **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

What is your next step in fully trusting God with your life?

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:11*