



Chapter 4

Reflections to Journal and Share

- What did you learn about God in this encounter? About human nature? About yourself?
- Has God ever asked you to do something for Him at a very inconvenient time in your life? So, what happened? How did it turn out? What might it have led to?
- Total submission to the authority of Jesus in all areas of our life is certainly not a popular notion these days, even in many parts of Christianity. Have all of our religious and cultural paradigms been sufficiently shattered by submitting them to the authority of Jesus so that we can be fully used in doing “the Lord’s work the Lord’s way?”
- Have there been times when Jesus called you to fish in the deep during the day? To do something that seems not only counter-intuitive, but puts your credibility and even your personal assets at risk? How did that work out and what did that experience do for you and to you?
- Are we still protecting (even defending) some of our flawed paradigms of success, achievement, significance, relevance, discipleship, church growth, to name but a few, even though they are significant barriers to the growth of God’s Kingdom here on earth? What paradigms that you still embrace might Jesus need to pulverize?
- What thought(s) challenged you in this encounter? What is God’s Spirit whispering to you? What action is He prompting you to take?