



Uncommon Sense | Ryan Wekenman | 10.26-27

Weekly Study

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Welcome to our last week in the Uncommon series. This series has challenged us to live an uncommon life to what we may commonly see around us. Jesus lived a life and spoke about our ability to live in an uncommon way that nobody else has before, except Him. When we see the way Jesus lived and hear the ways he calls us to live like him, it begins to shape us to living uncommon to the common patterns of the world.

In this message we'll explore how following Jesus often requires us to think and act in ways that don't seem to make sense whatsoever. We'll examine stories from Jesus' ministry that challenge our conventional wisdom and invite us to embrace a Kingdom perspective.

- Start by sharing highs and lows from the past week. Then, reflect on a time when you felt God calling you to do something that didn't make sense from a worldly perspective.**

GROW

Read Luke 5:1-11

- Have you ever experienced a situation like Peters where trusting God didn't make sense at the time? What was the outcome?**

In this passage, we find Simon Peter, a seasoned fisherman, who has just returned from an unsuccessful night on the water. Jesus later asks him to let down his nets again, despite the fact that fishing is typically done at night. Peter initially hesitates, pointing out that they had caught nothing, but ultimately agrees to obey Jesus' command. This act of faith leads to an extraordinary catch of fish, illustrating the

principle that faith often requires us to act contrary to our experience and understanding.

This story exemplifies **Uncommon Sense**, where God's ways challenge our conventional wisdom. Peter's decision to follow Jesus' instruction, despite its apparent illogicality, highlights the importance of obedience in our walk of faith. Just as Peter experienced a miraculous provision, we, too, are called to trust in God's ways, even when the circumstances suggest otherwise. Following Jesus sometimes means letting go of our reliance on worldly logic and embracing a deeper understanding of God's.

- What does "Uncommon Sense" mean to you in the context of your faith journey?**
- In what ways can we cultivate a mindset that prioritizes God's direction over societal expectations?**
- When it seems as though God's way doesn't make sense for your situation or season, how can we as individuals challenge ourselves to step into those unknowns with faith?**

MOVE

Read Matthew 16:24-26

- What does the miraculous catch of fish teach us about trusting God's timing and direction in our lives, even when it seems illogical?**

In this profound teaching, Jesus challenges His disciples by stating that true discipleship requires self-denial and the willingness to take up one's cross. This radical call contradicts the common human desire for self-promotion and comfort. Jesus is essentially inviting us to reevaluate our priorities and align our lives with the values of His Kingdom.

Living with "*uncommon sense*" often means making choices that seem countercultural. For example, Jesus teaches us to love our enemies, to forgive those who have wronged us, and to serve others selflessly. These teachings might not make sense in a world that often values power, revenge, and self-interest. When faced with the decision to follow Jesus' way, we might encounter internal conflict or external criticism. However, embracing this calling can lead to profound transformation, both in ourselves and in the lives of those around us. This leads us to walking more and more in Jesus' ways rather than our own more naturally.

- How does the story of Peter and Jesus calling him to follow Him and become a fisher of men relate to Jesus' statement about true discipleship?**
- How can Jesus' teaching about taking up our cross and following Him challenge our understanding of what it means to be a disciple in today's world and living with uncommon sense?**

P R A Y & C H A L L E N G E

This week, consider the specific areas in your life where God might be inviting you to take a bold step in faith. Perhaps you are being called to serve in a ministry, mend a strained relationship, or forgive someone who has hurt you deeply. Reflect on how you can actively respond to that call, even if it seems daunting or contrary to what feels "safe."

Close your group and have everyone write down a prayer request and put those into a hat. Have everyone pick one out to be praying over throughout the week. Before passing them out, pray over every prayer request that is placed in the hat.