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Fishing
Luke 5:1-11
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

This week we continue through the book of Luke with chapter 5. Jesus is teaching along the shore of the Sea of Galilee when He gets in Peter's boat to create space between Him and the crowd He was teaching. Peter did not know Jesus well but was respectful to the popular rabbi. After Jesus is done teaching He has Peter throw out his net one more time. The team of fishermen pull in such a huge number of fish that they immediately know Jesus is not just an ordinary man. Jesus tells them that He will have them catch men not fish. He is alluding to their future ministry in telling people about the Kingdom of God and drawing them to Jesus. Join us this week as we look at how Jesus chooses an ordinary fisherman to do the work of His Kingdom.



Luke 5:1-11 NET

The Call of the Disciples

5 Now Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing around him to hear the word of God. **2** He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing! But at your word I will lower the nets." **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets started to tear. **7** So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they were about to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" **9** For Peter and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's business partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people!" **11** So when they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why does Jesus get in the boat?

9. Why would Simon be willing to take him out in his boat?

10. Why does Simon tell the Lord to go away from him?

11. Why would Jesus need to tell him not to be afraid?

12. Do you think it was hard for them to leave everything to follow Jesus?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Jesus says that He will have Simon catch people. What does this mean? Should we be doing the same thing?

14. Peter clearly believed that he was not worthy to be in Jesus' ministry. Are there people that are not worthy to do the work of God? Explain

15. How can we help people understand that they don't have to be worthy to be close to Jesus?

16. What are some of the obstacles to believing that God will use you in doing His work?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes