

The Calling of the First Disciples - Luke 5:1-11

Topics: Awe, Call, Commitment, Decisions, Evangelism, Failure, Faithfulness, Ministry, Miracles, Mission, Obedience, Persistence, Submission, Surprises, Tasks, Timing, Trust, Witnessing

Open It

1. What is your favorite “fish story”?
2. What qualities does your favorite leader possess?
- * 3. When have you participated in a project at which everyone worked very hard, only to experience failure?

Explore It

4. In what setting did Jesus find Himself? (5:1)
5. Why were the people crowding around Jesus? (5:1)
6. What were the owners of the boats doing nearby? (5:2)
7. What did Jesus use to create a little space between Himself and the crowd? (5:2-3)
8. Whose boat did Jesus choose for His podium? (5:3)
9. What did Jesus suggest to Simon following His message? (5:4)
- * 10. How did Simon reply to Jesus’ instructions to cast their nets again? (5:4-5)
11. What happened when Simon lowered his nets into the water? (5:6)
12. When Simon saw their nets were tearing from the weight of fish in them, what did he do? (5:7)
- * 13. How did Simon react when he realized Jesus had just done a miracle for them? (5:8-9)
14. Who were Simon’s partners? (5:10)
- * 15. How did Jesus speak to the men’s fears? (5:10)
16. How did Simon and the others respond to Jesus’ invitation? (5:11)

Get It

- * 17. How did Jesus test Simon?
18. In what way did Jesus test Simon’s faith?
19. What does God expect us to do when obeying Him does not yield any immediate benefit?
20. In what way is Simon’s reaction to Jesus’ miracle an example for us to follow?
- * 21. What do we have to “leave behind” in order to follow Christ today?
22. How does a person go about being a fisher of men?

Apply It

- * 23. What areas in your own life can you identify as places where God is requiring long-term obedience from you, in spite of failures?
24. What do you need to leave behind today in following Christ?