

Wednesday *A great catch*

Read Luke 5:6-7 Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Simon is a professional fisherman. Why would he allow Jesus to tell him where to fish and when?*
2. *There were so many fish that their nets were ready to break. What would it be like to suddenly have such an abundance?*

Prayer Focus

Creator of all, giver of all, thank you for the abundance you point to, for the greatness of all you provide. Let me be ready to accept and share your abundance.

Thursday *A sinful man*

Read Luke 5:8-10

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why does Simon tell Jesus to leave him? Have you ever thought that you were not a good enough person to answer God's call?*
2. *Why do you think the others chose to follow Jesus?*

Prayer Focus

Jesus, you didn't tell Simon he was unworthy or that he couldn't be your follower. Help me to see that you are all the strength I need to do your will.

Friday *They left everything*

Read Luke 5:11

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why did these people choose to "catch people" with Jesus?*
2. *What did they leave behind in order to go with Jesus?*

Prayer Focus

Jesus, call me again. Let me see where I am to go, where our church is to go, in order to catch people and follow in your way.

Called and Sent **Jesus Calls the Fishermen**

We hear and accept our own call to be part of Jesus' work. God's call is rooted in everyday life, and the promptings to serve usually happen during our regular routines. As Peter felt, no person is good enough, strong enough, pure enough, but we are called anyway. We are called to find our God-given purpose and act on it: launch out, let down the nets, leave behind the news and follow Jesus.

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: Have you ever felt God's call in your life? Is there someone in your life that you felt was truly answering God's call?

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Luke 5:1-11

- Have someone read **Luke 5:1-11**. Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

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Monday *Jesus at the shores of the lake*

Read Luke 5:1-2

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What do you think life was like for the people of Galilee, especially the ones who fished the lake?*
2. *People were crowding Jesus. Why did they want to be so close?*

Prayer Focus

Pray for all the occupied places in the world, where people struggle to live without freedom.

Tuesday

Read Luke 5:3-5

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why does Simon take Jesus out in his boat? Have you ever felt called to do something that seemed crazy or impractical? How did it turn out?*
2. *Why do you think Jesus chose Simon's boat?*

Prayer Focus

Jesus asked Simon to go out into deep water, where there was danger and no guarantee of catching any fish. Pray to have the willingness that made Simon begin to trust Jesus' words.