

Luke 5:1-11 Discussion Questions

- This text begins with crowds who are eager to hear Jesus. What made his teaching so different from others?
- When Jesus tells Peter to put his nets down, it amounts to a carpenter telling a fisherman how to fish. Why does Peter obey anyway?
- Have you ever felt God telling you to do something that didn't make sense in the moment? What happened when you obeyed—or chose not to?
 - Why is God still worthy of our obedience when it doesn't seem to add up from our perspective?
- When Peter puts his nets down, they get filled immediately with fish. What does this reveal about Jesus' identity?
 - Has God ever surprised you with His miraculous provision? How did you respond?
- Why does Peter respond the way he does? Why is he undone?
 - See parallels in Isaiah 6:5 and Job 42:6-8. Why is the presence of God so undoing to sinful people?
- Peter realizes that his greatest problem isn't his empty net but his sin before a holy God. Why is Jesus's response to him surprising?
- Ben shared a quote that says, "God can work with an honest sinner, but he has trouble working with a dishonest saint." Why is honest confession essential to our spiritual growth?
 - What is your current level of honest with God?
 - How would that change if you remembered God's grace toward you?
- Jesus not only overlooks Peter's sin, he gives him a mission: to become a "fisher of men." What does that phrase mean?
 - How is sharing the gospel like fishing?
- Would you currently describe yourself as a fisher of men?
 - What would it look like to be a fisher of men in your daily life?

- Peter and his friends drop their nets in order to follow Jesus. What are some things you've had to leave behind to follow Christ?
 - Has He been worth it? How so?
- What is the difference between adding Jesus to your life and giving him your life?
- What in this passage gives you the greatest reason to thank Jesus?