

**Sermon: Followers and Fishermen.**  
**Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.**

**Scripture: Luke 5:1-11.**  
**Date: March 24, 2024**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) How do we see the divinity of Christ from this passage? Compare it to Isaiah 6:1-8. How does Peter's experience before Jesus compare with Isaiah's experience before the Lord?

b) If Jesus is God as this passage implies, then we must obey his commands, including the command to follow him. When you think of following Jesus what things come to mind?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) We said that following Jesus is an exchange not an add-on (the fishermen exchanged their fishing for following Jesus). Can you think of ways that Christians make Jesus an add-on to their life, rather than their source of life? What are the ways that you have personally made Jesus just an add-on to an area of your life (a means to an end)?

b) Compare Luke 5:1-11 with John 21:1-17. Peter has developed two "gospel instincts." His admitting of his sinfulness (Luke 5:8), and going to Jesus for restoration (John 21:7; 15-17). Where have you seen yourself developing these same two "gospel instincts?"

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) We said that Jesus always empowers whatever he commands. The great catch of fish is a living parable of this truth. How can believing this truth help you to overcome fear and embrace disciple-making ("catching people alive") with courage?

**APPLICATION**

a) Every Christian must learn to follow before they can learn to lead. What things can you put in place in your life to help you learn to follow and trust Jesus more whole heartedly?

b) Jesus asked the fishermen to do something that didn't make any sense (put out into the deep and drop their nets again). What is Jesus asking you to do that makes no sense to you, but that you just need to simply trust anyway?

**PRAYER**

- Acknowledge God's authority to lead you through life.
- Confess ways that you have made Jesus an add-on to your life.
- Thank Jesus for inviting you to follow him into a life of freedom and partnership.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you by his grace and courage to "catch people alive."