

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Luke 5:1-11

Review

- If you were stranded on an island, what *three* things would you want with you?
- Which Bible character/s inspire you the most? Why?
- What is the most *helpful* thing a Christian has said to you?

Remind

- Where were the crowds when Jesus got into the boat (v.1)?
- To whom did the boat belong (v.3)? What did Jesus do when the boat got underway?
- After Jesus had finished with the crowds, what did he ask the boat owner to do (v.4)? Did Jesus stay in the boat?
- Why did the boat owner follow Jesus' instructions (v.5)? How successful had the fishermen been previously?
- What happened when Jesus' instructions were followed (v.6)? How serious was the potential breakage?
- Who did the boat owner call to help (v.7)? What happened?
- What was the response from all the fishermen (v.8-10)?
- Where did the fishermen leave their boats before following Jesus (v.11)? Why is this significant?

Respond

- Compare Peter's response to being in God's presence to Abraham (Genesis 18:27), Job (Job 42:6) & Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5). Discuss how important it is to physically bow before God?
- Peter and his friends left the greatest fishing catch in history, because it wasn't as important as following Jesus. What do people do today instead of following Jesus wholeheartedly?
- What part of being a disciple/follower of Jesus is the most challenging for you? Why?
- You could end by reading together Luke 5:11

Luke 5:1-11 (NIVUK)

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

