LIFE GROUP LEADER'S

Weekly Discussion Guide



Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: abfboone.com/sermons
- Find Life Group resources: abfboone.org/groups/resources

Luke 5:1-11

[1] On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, [2] and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. [3] Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. [4] And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." [5] And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." [6] And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. [7] They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [9] For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, [10] and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." [11] And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Sermon Outline:

- I. Jesus' Teaching (1-3)
- II. Peter's Fishing (4-7)
- III. Peter's Journey From Fan To Follower (8-11)

Life Group Leader Notes:



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- •What were your main takeaways from this Sunday's worship service?
- Discuss the differences between a stadium and a sanctuary. How do you prepare to go to each one? What do you do at each one? How do you feel after leaving each one? Do you view the building at 1035 NC 105 Bypass as a stadium or a sanctuary?
- Peter began the day as a fan, but ended as a follower. Have you ever had a day like that?
- •It is significant that the story begins with Jesus *teaching*. This is a theme that has surfaced throughout our study in Luke. We love the miracle stories, but Jesus prioritized his teaching ministry. Faith comes by hearing the word of Christ (Romans 10:17). How does this truth impact your daily life? Are you regularly reading the Bible? Are you regularly hearing the gospel preached? Why is this important?
- •When Peter saw the miraculous catch of fish, he fell on his knees and recognized his *sinfulness*. Why was this his response? What does this teach us about Jesus? Compare his response to other men in the presence of God (Job 40:3-5, Isaiah 6).
- Peter's first words were "Depart from me" (5:8). Just a few verses earlier, the citizens of Nazareth desired the same thing (see Luke 4:29). Both wanted to be away from the presence of Jesus, but for entirely different reasons. Describe the different reasons. Describe Jesus' response to both parties.
- •The main difference between fans and followers is that followers: 1) hear the truth, 2) repent, and 3) follow Jesus even if it leads to a cross. Using this framework, are you a fan or a follower?
- •Jesus told Peter that he would be a fisher of *men*. He would actively proclaim the gospel to others. How can you grow in this area as a life group? Is there anyone you can pray for by name? Are there any action steps you could take to strengthen relationships with outsiders and proclaim the gospel?

