

February 6th, 2022 Sermon Bible Study (Epiphany 5)

Sermon: Luke 5:1-11

One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. ²He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered him, “Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. ⁷They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.” ⁹For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Theme: Jesus and the Ultimate Fishing Story

Link to Audio Sermon:

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Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

***Note: Even though it was early in Jesus ministry, he was already gathering crowds. He makes teaching these crowds, which at this time included his soon to be disciples Peter, James and John, the highest priority. Thus he sets out from shore to teach.**

- 1. Even though nighttime offered ideal conditions for catching fish, Peter had caught nothing. Why then would he lower the net during the day when it was not ideal? What does this show about the message Peter heard Jesus preaching?**
- 2. The nets became so full of fish that they began to tear apart. There is no doubt this happened by miraculous design. What was Jesus trying to accomplish through this miracle (Just like all the other miracles he performed)?**
- 3. The disciples would now be spending their time learning and proclaiming the message of Christ. Even though these disciples came from humble origins (they were fisherman and not trained rabbis) they would have a message to proclaim to the people. Where does the authority and power of their message come from?**