

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word

Leader Edition



Week of Sunday January 5, 2025

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Introduction

In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus meets Simon Peter and his companions after a long, discouraging night of fishing with no success. Despite their exhaustion, Peter obeys Jesus' call to let down the nets one more time—and experiences a miraculous catch of fish. In this moment, Peter realizes who Jesus is and responds with humility and surrender. Jesus then calls Peter to a greater purpose: to become a “fisher of people.” This should challenge us to examine our own obedience to Jesus, let go of distractions, and trust Him as He calls us to a life of deeper purpose and disciple making.

Disciple Measure

Spirit-led Follower: What has your attention, thoughts, and energy going into 2025?

Notes:

Discussion Questions

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone read aloud...

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

Opening Question: What are some of your New Year's resolutions/goals? Why did you pick them?

1. What does this passage teach us about Jesus and how He invites people to follow him?
2. How does Peter's response to Jesus' request demonstrate his trust, even when the command didn't make sense?

Have someone read aloud

[Matthew 4:18-20](#).

3. What does this parallel verse in Matthew highlight from Luke's account?
4. How do these passages challenge the way we view succeeding, obeying, and following Jesus in our day-to-day lives?

Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Luke 5:1-11

What does this story tell us about Jesus?

Guide for parents: For younger kids, focus on Jesus' power and kindness—He helped Peter and his friends catch a lot of fish! For older kids and teens, help them see that Jesus is in control of everything, even fish, and He calls people to follow Him.

How do you think Peter felt when Jesus asked him to fish again, and how did he respond?

Guide for parents: Younger kids can talk about how Peter might have been tired or surprised, but he still listened to Jesus. Older kids and teens can discuss how Peter trusted Jesus even when it didn't make sense, showing us that we can trust God, too.

What can we learn from Peter and his friends leaving everything to follow Jesus?

Guide for parents: With younger kids, talk about how Peter and his friends loved Jesus so much that they wanted to go with Him. For older kids and teens, discuss what it means to put Jesus first in their lives and follow Him wherever He leads.

NT 260

For next week.

WEEK: 2

- Luke 6
- Luke 7
- Luke 8
- Luke 9
- Luke 10

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:3-4

Resources

Resources to Listen To

BEMA Discipleship Podcast



Marty Solomon's podcast dives deeper into Luke's Gospel. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).

(22 minutes)

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast



Pastor Robby dives deeper into the Gospels and Rabbinical traditions. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).

(30 minutes)

Resources to Watch

Bible Project Overview



A video commentary over Luke 1-9. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).

(8 minutes)

Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at groups@longhollow.com.

D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



Commentary

Notes:

A Bit of Background

Luke 5:1-11 takes place during the early days of Jesus' ministry. The Sea of Galilee, where this passage happens, was a central hub for fishing. Many people in Galilee relied on fishing for their livelihood, including Simon Peter and his partners James and John.

Fishing in the first century was grueling, hard work. Fishermen worked at night when fish were more active, and their nets were heavy and difficult to manage. After a long night of catching nothing, Simon Peter and his crew would have been frustrated, tired, and ready to go home. Jesus steps into Simon Peter's boat, uses it as a pulpit to teach the crowds, and then turns to Peter with a surprising request: "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch" (v. 4).

This is significant because Peter, as an experienced fisherman, knew the waters and the patterns of fishing. It's daylight, the wrong time for fishing, and he has already come up empty after hours of effort. Yet, Peter obeys Jesus' word, and what happens next is a miraculous catch so big it overwhelms their nets! Peter recognizes Jesus' authority and holiness, leading him to fall to his knees in awe and say, "Go away from me, because I'm a sinful man, Lord!" (v. 8)

Sermon Notes

Luke 5:1-11

As the crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear God’s word, he was standing by Lake Gennesaret. He saw two boats at the edge of the lake; the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the land. Then he sat down and was teaching the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” “Master,” Simon replied, “we’ve worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I’ll let down the nets.” When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’s knees and said, “Go away from me, because I’m a sinful man, Lord!” For he and all those with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, Zebedee’s sons, who were Simon’s partners. “Don’t be afraid,” Jesus told Simon. “From now on you will be catching people.” Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed him.

Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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