

Called to be Fishers of Men

Luke 5:1-11

Intro: In this first of two fishing miracles Jesus used to teach His disciples (John 21:1-11), He established His authority and right to call Peter, Andrew, James, and John to full-time discipleship and evangelism. These disciples responded in faith and obedience: “they forsook all and followed Him **in order to become fishers of men**” (v. 11).

I. Jesus’ Ministry in Galilee: Background 5:1-4

- A. His fulfillment of Isaiah 9:1-2
- B. His developing relationship with the disciples
 - Five callings or challenges to the disciples:
 1. John 1:35-42—call of the first disciples
 2. Mark 1 and Matthew 4—call to discipleship
 3. Luke 5:1-11—*call to become fishers of men*
 4. Mark 3—commission to lost sheep of Israel
 5. Matt 28:18-21—Great Commission to all
 - C. His teaching of the multitudes (vv. 1-4)

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II. Jesus’ Ministry to the Disciples (*Primarily to Peter*) 5:5-11

- A. Faltering faith—*Peter’s impatience* (vv. 5-7)
 1. *Reaction:* “I don’t think so . . .”
 2. *Response:* “But because you say so . . . I will do so”
 3. *Reliance:*
 4. *Result:* (vv. 6-7)
- B. Fearful faith - *Peter’s impression* (vv. 8-10a)
- C. Fruitful faith - *Peter’s imperative* (v. 10b)

III. Interpretation:

Applications:

1. Our task is fishing; ***God’s task is catching.***
2. Faith and obedience lead to fruitful man-catching.
3. Obedience to the Word of God brings blessing to the worker of God.
4. **The power of Christ alone** will provide success in evangelism—*man-catching.*
5. Revelation precedes service: I need to know who God is before I can ever know what I am supposed to do. ***Therefore, I must study God’s Word to be ready to share my Savior!***