



the discipleship

journey

FROM INVITATION TO IMPACT

The Invitation

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Text: Luke 5:1-11; John 1:40-42

Big Idea:

The Luke passage shows three keys to beginning a discipleship journey. Verse 8 – “I am sinful.” Recognition of our sinful nature. Verse 5 – “Because you say so Jesus.” Obedience. Verse 10 – “Fish for people.” Purpose. The John text shows the power of invitation. Who are we inviting into a relationship with Jesus? Who are we “fishing for?”

Opening Questions:

Notes on the Passage:

(Verses Luke 5:1-11) Jesus’ popularity was growing so much that He had to go out on a boat in order to teach. After using Peter’s boat, Jesus wants to give more to him and tells him to cast out his nets. You can never give something to Jesus that He does not give more back to you. Peter does not rely on his own understanding of the circumstances or his own knowledge, rather, he states his surrender to Jesus and casts out his nets even when it did not make sense. Sometimes the difference is not in the work we do, but in *Who* is directing our work- Jesus’ presence makes all the difference in the world. Their nets were overwhelmingly full.

1. Peter surrendered his boat for Jesus’ use and then Jesus overflowed his nets; how has this been shown in your life? That when you surrender your resources to Jesus He brings back an abundance?
2. What does it mean that its not *what* we do but *Who* is directing our work that matters?
3. How could Jesus be inviting you to cast your nets out one more time? To surrender your understanding for His command?

(Verses John 1:40-42) Andrew met Jesus and is instantly compelled to bring his brother to meet Him; each time Andrew is mentioned in the Bible he is bringing someone to Jesus. Andrew knew Who Jesus was- “we have found the Messiah”- and that knowledge led him to bring others to the feet of Jesus. Jesus then gives Simon a new name signifying the man that he would be changed into because of his relationship with Jesus.

1. It has been said that the Gospel only comes to us on its way to someone else- what does that statement mean?
2. How does it encourage you to share your faith knowing that most people come to know Jesus because of someone else? How can you live more like Andrew?
3. Jesus instantly changes Simon’s name; we are instantly changed after encountering Jesus even if it takes time to learn and grow into that new name. What new name has Jesus given you? How has that impacted how you live your life now?

Going Deeper:

1. What other stories or passages in the Bible tell us that Jesus always gives in abundance? How can we see this truth in our lives? Tithing? Service? Gifts?



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2. How do you think the story would have gone if Simon had refused to cast his nets?
3. What do you think Simon did with the overflow of fishes? How is this reflective of God's blessings to us?
4. When we truly grasp WHO Jesus is, we cannot help but want to share that. What are some ways you can begin to discover MORE of Who He is? To remember that initial passion and love?
5. How would your life be different if the person who told you about Jesus had not shared their faith? Who's lives could you be impacting by your silence or fear of sharing?

Additional Resources:

[Breaking Nets, Sinking Boats and Saving Men | Desiring God](#)- Devotion.

[The Catch of Fish \(Luke 5:1-11\) — A Sermon by R.C. Sproul \(youtube.com\)](#)- Sermon.

Group Activity:

Instead of a family tree, make a "faith tree" tracing all the relationships and people who have led you to the faith that you have now. How did you come to know Jesus? How did you begin going to church? When did you first hear about faith? Who told you about Jesus first? Who told them? Then, add people who are in your life who need YOU to share the Gospel with them.