

## Luke 5:1-11 – Jesus Calls His Disciples, Part 2

### Introduction

1. Luke 5 has more details than does Mark 1, or Matthew 4
2. The OT Imagery of Fishing for Men is Judgment (**Jeremiah 16, 16-18, Ezekiel 12:13, Habakkuk 1:15, Amos 4:2**)
3. Jesus Came to Reverse the Curse of Adam, turning judgment from God on its head through redemption

**Main Idea** The curse of Adam is reversed in Christ by making disciples through evangelism. This reversal of God's judgment begins by His disciples hearing the Word of Christ, experiencing the power of Christ, and then abandoning everything for Christ.

### Disciples of Christ Begin By Hearing the Word of Christ (vv 1-3)

1. With the crowds pressing in, Jesus commandeers Simon Peter's Boat to teach God's Word, using the Sea as an amphitheater
2. Jesus commands Simon Peter to push out into the lake
3. The Crowds, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John heard the Word of God preached and taught by the Lord Christ
4. The Word of God – the Source of Authority from God
  - a. Jesus spoke with Divine Authority (**John 7:37**)
  - b. Jesus spoke with Powerful and Gracious words (**Lk 4:22**)
  - c. Jesus spoke Life changing words
  - d. God's Word is powerful – it breaks through darkened souls
  - e. God's Word is effectual – it claims the rational mind and wins the affections; The Word of God creates Faith!
5. Our Discipleship should involve teaching and explanation
  - a. Our society & evangelical Church – biblical illiteracy
    - i. Who is God – What is His nature? What is God's Law?
    - ii. Who is Jesus Christ? What happened at the Cross?
    - iii. What is Repentance? What is Faith? What is Love?
    - iv. What is Judgment – Heaven and Hell?

### Disciples of Christ Recognize the Power of Christ (vv 4-10)

1. Jesus' Superior Authority
  - a. Jesus commands Peter and his crew to move to the deep part of the lake and let down the nets
  - b. Peter the Fishermen, Jesus the Carpenter
  - c. Peter is half-hearted in his faith and obedience
  - d. Peter still recognizes Jesus' authority; he listens to Him
  - e. Peter obeys the Word of Christ – *But at Thy Word!*
2. Jesus' Sovereign Control over Nature; Jesus is the Creator
  - a. Jesus either is omniscient and knows where the fish are in the deep, or He is omnipotent and calls the fish to the net

- c. Peter witnesses and experiences the Power of God
  - d. Jesus is Omnipotent God (**See Psalms 95, 148**) - The Fish obey the Will of Christ
  - e. Salvation: Converts come to Christ by the power of the Spirit, through the agency of Man preaching the Word
  - f. Christians are the instruments of God's power to bring in the Catch
4. Jesus is the Second Adam who UNDOES what Adam had done
    - a. What is the first command God gives Adam? Dominion
    - b. All Creation fell into Futility at the Fall of Man
    - c. Jesus exercises Dominion over the Fish of the Sea as the Second Adam, the Son of Man; the catch is overwhelming
  5. Jesus' Sacred Position as Divine Lord
    - a. Peter demonstrates his humility – he fell down in His presence (Holiness of Christ and Sin of Self recognized)
    - b. The Offense of Pride to God
    - c. Peter confesses his sin – Why?
      - i. Why not make Jesus a business partner? Fish = Money
      - ii. The presence of Christ is much more – Grace, Holiness
      - iii. He feels unworthy because he recognizes Jesus is Jehovah Christ who makes the fish of the sea swim into his net (Peter changes Jesus' title, Master to Lord)
      - iv. He feels unworthy because he recognizes Jesus the Judge as gracious and merciful Lord
  6. Jesus, Full of Grace and Mercy
    - a. *Do Not Fear* Why? He is going to die for Peter's Sin
    - b. Peter's conclusions were not wrong – left in his sin, there would be no place to stand in Jesus' presence
    - c. Jesus would be Peter's substitute – and any who believe
  7. Jesus' Sovereignty over Future Destinies
    - a. *From now on you will be catching men* – this is a Divine declaration, ordination, determination
    - b. Jesus fulfills **Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, Habakkuk**

### Disciples of Christ Abandon Everything for Christ (v 11)

1. Jesus chose ordinary fishermen to begin ushering in the Kingdom of God – He still chooses ordinary people
2. Jesus chooses regular people who give up everything for Him
3. Are you abandoning everything in this world for Christ?
4. You cannot be friends with the world and friends with Jesus
5. Disciples of Christ leave everything and Follow Christ