

God's Grandeur Vision for your Life

Luke 5:1-11

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On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

What in this passage sticks out to you?

Questions to Ask yourself

In your own life, who is Jesus to you? Is He Master or Is He Lord?

Jesus told Peter, "Do not be afraid," What are you afraid of?

What does it mean to fish for men?

The reality of the American church is that many of us are people that prefer to be in the crowds coming and going to hear Jesus teach, rather than true disciples who have left everything to follow Jesus.

Here are some questions to search your own heart

- Do you try and fit Jesus and God's work in your schedules or do you let him dictate what you do for the day?
- Do you wait until God brings someone to you or do you go after others to tell people about God?
- Are you willing to sacrifice your sleep to spend time with God?
- When is the last time that you gave your money until it hurts?
- What do you do when you have leisure time? Do you watch tv or scroll through your phone more than spending time with God?
- Are you serving anywhere? We need help!
- Who is following you? Who are you leading? Who is your fruit?

Practical Ways to be Fishers of Men

1. Identify 3 people to be intentional with them

- Who do you see often in your everyday life (kids friends, co-workers, family, sports)
- Who do you connect with? Who do you like to be around?
- Who keeps coming to mind when you pray for other people?
- Who is faithful, available, and teachable? F.A.T
- *Write the names down and pray for them daily.

2. Find creative ways to spend time, lots of time with them

- Maybe it's once a week having a night blocked off to hang out with a family.
- Do the mundane tasks together (working on a car, watching kids, going to the store)
- Have play dates with the kids at various places
- Go grab a coffee
- Invite them into your circle of friends
- Invite them to your Community Group

*People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

3. Ask questions, listen, and follow up with people

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- Take an interest in people's lives. Find out what they like. Ask about their job. What do they like to do for fun?
- Listen for what motivates them in life, what brings them joy, what do they believe.
- Earn the right to be heard