

Luke 5:1-11 - A Miraculous Catch of Fish

5 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. **2** He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. **3** Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." **6** And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! **7** A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." **9** For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. **10** His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" **11** And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Personal Bible Study - Luke 5:1-11

Read Luke 5:1-3 - We meet Jesus as a preacher who teaches people about God and his will for their lives. People want to hear him, and they press in on him. Simon and his brothers had come in from the night's fishing and were taking care of their equipment. When Jesus sees Simon's fishing boat, he gets into it and asks Simon to put out into the water so that he can teach from there. From a short distance into the lake, Jesus sits in the boat and teaches the crowd about God.

- What do you think it would be like to listen to Jesus teach you about the will of God? If you wanted to hear Jesus teach you about God's will, where would you look to find that?
- Have you read Jesus's teachings in the gospels (for instance, Matthew chapters 5-7 or Luke 6:20-49)? When you read these messages, do you understand why people would want to listen to Jesus teach about God?

Read Luke 5:4-5 - When he was finished teaching, Jesus tells the professional fisherman, Simon, to get back out into the water and throw the nets that he just cleaned back out into the water. Simon is a fisherman for a living, and he points out to Jesus that they have just tried to fish all night without success. The time for fishing isn't when the sun is up, because the water gets hot and the fish dive deeper than the nets can reach. But Simon agrees to do what Jesus tells him to do.

- Who do you think generally knows the fishing business better - a fisherman or a preacher? Why do you think Simon is willing to listen to Jesus tell him what to do?
- Have you ever heard a teaching from Jesus that you thought didn't make much sense? Who do you think knows better how to live your life - you or Jesus?
- Have you ever done anything Jesus told you to do and regretted it? Have you ever done anything that you wanted to do and regretted it? Who knows better, you or Jesus?

Read Luke 5:6-7 - When Simon obeyed Jesus, it didn't merely go well. It went overwhelmingly well. Nighttime was when fishing was supposed to be done, and this is late morning, perhaps even the middle of the day. After a long night of failure, they haul in so much success that the equipment is breaking and the boats are sinking.

- Have you ever obeyed Jesus and found yourself surprised by how well it went? What was that like?
- Based on this story, if Jesus tells you to do something, do you think it's a good idea to do it? What if you don't want to do it or it doesn't make sense to you?

Read Luke 5:8-10a (just the first part of verse 10) - When Simon Peter and his partners saw the miraculous catch of fish, they were amazed. As fishermen, they know that what's just happened is an act of God. Peter does not feel worthy to have Jesus in his life, and asks him to leave.

- It was true that Simon Peter was sinful. Was it true that Jesus couldn't be friends with a sinful man?
- Have you ever felt unworthy to be around Jesus? Has anyone ever made you feel unworthy to be near God? Do you think that's accurate?

Read Luke 5:10-11 - Instead of leaving, Jesus told Peter that he was going to change his career; instead of catching fish, he would be rescuing people!

- What do you think Jesus wants from you? Why does he want to be part of your life?

Lucas 5:1-11 - Llamamiento de los primeros discípulos

5 Un día estaba Jesús a orillas del lago de Genesaret[[a](#)] y la gente lo apretujaba para escuchar el mensaje de Dios. **2** Entonces vio dos barcas que los pescadores habían dejado en la playa mientras lavaban las redes. **3** Subió a una de las barcas, que pertenecía a Simón, y le pidió que la alejara un poco de la playa. Luego se sentó, y enseñaba a la gente desde la barca.

4 Cuando acabó de hablar, dijo a Simón:

—Lleva la barca hacia aguas más profundas y echen allí las redes para pescar.

5 —Maestro, hemos estado trabajando duro toda la noche y no hemos pescado nada —contestó Simón—. Pero, como tú me lo mandas, echaré las redes.

6 Así lo hicieron y recogieron una cantidad tan grande de peces que las redes se les rompían. **7** Entonces llamaron por señas a sus compañeros de la otra barca para que los ayudaran. Ellos se acercaron y llenaron tanto las dos barcas que comenzaron a hundirse.

8 Al ver esto, Simón Pedro cayó de rodillas delante de Jesús y le dijo:

—¡Apártate de mí, Señor; soy un pecador!

9 Es que él y todos sus compañeros estaban asombrados ante la pesca que habían hecho, **10** como también lo estaban Santiago y Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que eran socios de Simón.

—No temas, desde ahora serás pescador de hombres —dijo Jesús a Simón.

11 Así que llevaron las barcas a tierra y, dejándolo todo, lo siguieron.

Estudio bíblico personal – Lucas 5:1-11

Lean Lucas 5:1-3 – Jesús es un maestro. Enseña a la gente sobre Dios y su voluntad. La gente quiere escucharlo. Se acercan mucho a él. Simón y sus hermanos acaban de pescar toda la noche. Están limpiando su equipo. Jesús ve la barca de Simón. Sube a ella. Le pide a Simón que la aleje un poco de la orilla. Desde ahí, Jesús se sienta y enseña a la gente sobre Dios.

- ¿Cómo crees que sería escuchar a Jesús enseñarte sobre la voluntad de Dios? Si quisieras escuchar esa enseñanza hoy, ¿dónde la buscarías?
- ¿Has leído las enseñanzas de Jesús en los evangelios? Por ejemplo, Mateo 5-7 o Lucas 6:20-49. ¿Entiendes por qué la gente quería escucharlo?

Lean Lucas 5:4-5 – Jesús termina de enseñar. Le dice a Simón, un pescador, que vuelva al agua profunda. Le dice que lance las redes otra vez. Simón vive de la pesca. Le dice a Jesús que ya pescaron toda la noche sin éxito. No se pesca de día. El agua se calienta y los peces bajan muy profundo. Aun así, Simón obedece a Jesús.

- ¿Quién conoce mejor la pesca: un pescador o un maestro? ¿Por qué crees que Simón obedece a Jesús?
- ¿Alguna vez escuchaste algo de Jesús que no tenía sentido para ti? ¿Quién sabe mejor cómo vivir tu vida: tú o Jesús?
- ¿Alguna vez hiciste algo que Jesús pidió y te arrepentiste? ¿Y algo que tú querías hacer? ¿Quién sabe más, tú o Jesús?

Lean Lucas 5:6-7 – Simón obedece a Jesús. Las cosas no solo salen bien: salen increíblemente bien. Ya es de día, quizás mediodía. No es hora de pescar. Después de una noche sin nada, atrapan tantos peces que las redes se rompen. Las barcas empiezan a hundirse.

- ¿Alguna vez obedeciste a Jesús y te sorprendió el resultado? ¿Cómo fue eso?
- Según esta historia, ¿es buena idea hacer lo que Jesús pide? ¿Y si no quieres, o no tiene sentido para ti?

Lean Lucas 5:8-10a (solo la primera parte del versículo 10) – Simón Pedro y sus compañeros ven la pesca milagrosa. Quedan asombrados. Como pescadores, saben que esto es obra de Dios. Pedro se siente indigno de tener a Jesús cerca. Le pide que se aleje.

- Simón Pedro era pecador. ¿Significa eso que Jesús no podía ser su amigo?
- ¿Alguna vez te sentiste indigno de estar cerca de Jesús? ¿Alguien te hizo sentir así sobre Dios? ¿Crees que eso es cierto?

Lean Lucas 5:10-11 – Jesús no se aleja. Le dice a Pedro que va a cambiar de trabajo. Ya no pescará peces. ¡Ahora rescatará personas!

- ¿Qué crees que Jesús quiere de ti? ¿Por qué quiere ser parte de tu vida?