



Spiritual Jump Start

Luke 5:1-11

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1 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.

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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.

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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.

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Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

Opening Questions

1. What has been the highlight of your week so far?
2. Is there anything in particular from this sermon that stood out to you? Or challenged you? Or that you especially agree with? Or disagree with? Explain.

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3. How do you think Peter and the others felt after having caught no fish all night?
4. Why do you think Simon Peter did what Jesus said and put down the nets again in verse 5? How do you think he felt at the results?
5. Share an experience when you did something God's way (maybe even out of simple obedience when it didn't make sense) and you are so glad you did.
6. Define real success.

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7. Why do you think Simon Peter fell at Jesus' feet? What did Peter mean by "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."
8. Why would you say it is good for us to have this same attitude toward Jesus?
9. What are you doing these days (or what can you do) to cultivate this same heart?

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10. What did Jesus mean by, "from now on you will be catching men." How do you think that made Peter feel?
11. Consider Jesus telling you the same thing: "from now on you will be catching men." How does that make you feel?
12. In verse 11 we read that "they left everything and followed him." What does that mean for you to do the same today? What is the next step for you to do that?

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