

## MESSAGE NOTES

### Luke 5:1-11

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed 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. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

What does this story teach us about Jesus?

- How does Jesus "fish" for people?
- What does he offer? What is his invitation?

What does this story teach us about being a disciple of Jesus?

- Can you relate to Simon in this story? If so, how?
- Why does Simon react the way he does in v. 8?
- What role does action/obedience play in this story?

### The Kingdom Is Near

- "Sometimes we fish all night and catch nothing; and sometimes Jesus shows up and our nets begin to break." Have you ever experienced that in your life?
- If you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus, what has it cost you to follow him? What have you received by following him?
- What is Jesus inviting you to do or change this week? What's your next step?