## Abide in Me

## **Mentored by the Master**Discipleship in Real Time



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Come and Follow
At Your Word
Luke 5:1-11

Jesus calls Peter—again. This event seems distinct from the earlier call in Matthew 4:18-22 which was likely followed by periods of ministry interspersed with returns to fishing. Here, Jesus does not merely summon Peter but demonstrates His power through a miraculous catch of fish. After an exhausting night of fruitless fishing, Jesus directs Peter and his partners to drop their nets once more. The result is an overwhelming haul. The sheer magnitude of this miracle breaks through Peter's defenses. He falls at Jesus' feet, overcome by the weight of his own unworthiness. In this week's discussion, we want to explore the necessity of multiple calls to follow Jesus and how the better we get to know Jesus the deeper our surrender to Him becomes.

## OBSERVATION (What does the passage say and how does it say it?)

Before your group meets, read the passage and perform the following prompts:

- Double underline the following phrases: hear the word of God (v. 1); taught the people (v. 3); and at your word (v. 5).
- What is the location?
- Who is present?
- What happens?
- What stands out?
- Summarize in the present tense the main idea of this passage:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down

the nets." <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## **INTERPRETATION** (What does the passage mean?)

1.	Read the context of this passage in Luke 4:42-44 followed by 5:1-3. What do you learn about Jesus and His mission from these verses?
2.	Describe everything that happened inside Peter's boat. How are they all connected?
3.	Read 5:4-7. After teaching, Jesus asked Peter to head out into deeper water and let down his recently washed nets for another attempt to catch fish.  • What made Jesus' directive a double-challenge to Peter's "expertise" with fishing?
	• What was Peter's initial reaction in v. 5a? Why do you think Peter responded this way?
4.	In verse 5b, Peter adds a qualifier. What does this tell you about Peter and his view of Jesus?
5.	Verses 6 and 7 are very descriptive. What is Luke communicating to us in this dramatic detail?

<ul> <li>Peter's sinfulness and unworthiness (v. 8)</li> </ul>	
The astonishment of all the disciples (v. 9)	
• Fear (v. 10)	
APPLICATION (How does the passage apply to our lives?)	
<ol> <li>Describe the crowd's response to Jesus' teaching. Who word of God?</li> </ol>	at does this indicate about our own hunger to hear the
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	n what ways does our culture <i>(and our own thoughts too)</i> ent and better way? When have you come to a place wher
<ul> <li>3. Like Peter, have you felt great conviction by becoming</li> <li>Have you ever wanted to push Jesus away on</li> </ul>	more aware of God's greatness or holiness? Describe. ce you've realized your sinfulness?
<ul> <li>How does Jesus' response to Peter encourage</li> </ul>	and uplift you?
4. How can we be involved in helping people in their reco	onciliation to God where we live, work, or play?
5. Yet again, we are confronted with what it means to le your awareness of what that means for us today?	eave everything and follow Jesus. How are you growing in
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6. Read Luke 5:8-11. Unpack the three responses to this miracle and the reason for each:

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