

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:

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

6. Read Luke 5:8-11. Unpack the three responses to this miracle and the reason for each:

- Peter's sinfulness and unworthiness (v. 8)
- The astonishment of all the disciples (v. 9)
- Fear (v. 10)

APPLICATION *(How does the passage apply to our lives?)*

1. Describe the crowd's response to Jesus' teaching. What does this indicate about our own hunger to hear the word of God?
2. Reflect upon Peter's response to Jesus' words (v. 5). In what ways does our culture *(and our own thoughts too)* tell us to think one way while Jesus teaches us a different and better way? When have you come to a place when you have said, *"But at your word I will ..."*?
3. Like Peter, have you felt great conviction by becoming more aware of God's greatness or holiness? Describe.
 - Have you ever wanted to push Jesus away once you've realized your sinfulness?
 - How does Jesus' response to Peter encourage and uplift you?
4. How can we be involved in helping people in their reconciliation to God where we live, work, or play?
5. Yet again, we are confronted with what it means to leave *everything and follow* Jesus. How are you growing in your awareness of what that means for us today?

We are encouraging everyone to complete their **Personal Discipleship Plan** by next Sunday, March 2. You can pick up a hard copy from the Commons or visit the [Church Center App](http://lcchurch.churchcenter.com/home) today (lcchurch.churchcenter.com/home).

