

The Calling
Luke 5:1-11
LG Questions for 10/04/09

Getting Started

Have you ever participated in a project on which everyone skillfully worked very hard, only to experience failure? How did you feel? How would you feel if someone completely unconnected with the project and with no expertise in the area came along and told you to start over?

Getting Into The Bible

1) **Read Luke 5:1-3.** Where was Jesus preaching? Who do you think was gathered around with all those people? Why do you think Jesus felt it was important to get into the boat? Whose boat was it and why did Jesus pursue getting into that boat?

2) **Read Luke 5:4.** Why do you think Jesus asked Simon to go into deep water and cast his nets? What would you have done in a similar experience? When was the last time Jesus asked you to take the boat out into deeper water? What was your response?

3) How did Simon respond to Jesus' instructions to cast their nets again? (**Vs 5**) What was the purpose of this? Was Jesus testing Simon's faith?

4) What are the areas in your life where God requires long-term obedience in spite of your failures? How did Simon react when he realized that Jesus had just done a miracle for them? (**Vs 8-9**) Why?

5) How did Simon and the others respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him? (**Vs 11**) In what way is Simon's reaction an example for us to follow?

Discussion:

What do you need to leave behind today in order to follow Christ?