



SDG Discussion Guide

Luke 5:1-11

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For Starters:

When you want a break from pressure, where do you go? What do you do?

What was your first paying job you had? What do you remember most about it?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What do you think Simon Peter was thinking and feeling in verse 5? 7? 8?
2. How did this miracle affect Peter? Why does this have a more profound effect on him than the healing of his mother-in-law? What is he beginning to grasp about Jesus? About sin? About belief in himself?
3. When was the first time, if ever, that you responded to Jesus like Peter did in verse 8?
4. In your "fishing business," how do you see Jesus? A) Interesting, but kind of irrelevant teacher? B) Potentially a great business partner - if you could hire him to work for you? C) The one who calls all the shots? D) Other
5. How has Jesus' authority grabbed your attention recently?
6. How is Jesus' authority bringing freedom to you?
7. Jesus was "busy" during his ministry, yet he took time to be alone. How do you discern God's long range call to you amidst all the shouting of the urgent needs and distractions?

Pray for one another without ceasing. Hold nothing back in your pleading to God for help in whatever you believe you need right now. Go forth once more this week, believing and knowing evermore that God sees you, hears you, and loves **you**.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).