



### **FaceTime**

#### **Week #3 – Peter and the Miraculous Catch of Fish**

Following Jesus will absolutely reorder your world. It will redefine your priorities. It will require you to demonstrate whether you trust Jesus enough to violate your own experiences and instincts to follow him.

We have to decide if we're going to stay with our boats and the lives we've always known, or if we're giving it up to trust and follow Jesus.

#### **Scripture:**

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Luke 5:1-11

**Icebreaker and Intro Questions:**

1. What's an area of expertise for you?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

**Discussion Questions**

3. Read Luke 5:1-11. Give everyone several minutes to read and underline anything that resonates with them. Encourage everyone to read the story more than once. Then spend some time sharing: what stands out to you and why?
4. How do you find yourself in this story? Do you relate to Peter or to someone else?
5. Peter was tired, and most likely defeated after a night of unsuccessful fishing. But Jesus called him to cast out his net one more time. When Peter was willing to trust Jesus, something miraculous happens. Is there an area of your life where might feel a little defeated that you'd be willing to share? How does this passage comfort and challenge you with those areas of your life?
6. Eddie shared this in his message: "Jesus didn't perform a miracle to impress Peter. He performed it to transform him." We all have a call from Jesus inviting us to follow Him and to be changed. How have you experienced that? How do you sense Jesus wants to follow him and be changed?

**This week:**

- The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. During our FaceTime series, we'll use clips from this series to allow us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. [Visit The Chosen's website](#) for options of how to watch.
- As a church, we want to intentionally spend time with God this summer, letting him shape us as we move into a new and unique season. Set aside some time to use [this prayer guide](#) as a way to come close to God.

**Notes:**