

THE CALL OF PETER, JAMES AND JOHN (Luke 5:1-11)

I. JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST THREE DISCIPLES (Luke 5:1-11)

A. Jesus goes “FISHING” by TEACHING the multitude from a boat (5:1-3)

1. The events recorded here must have taken place _____ Jesus’ initial contact with these men Peter, James and John (John 1:35-42), and _____ the healing of Peter’s mother-in-law (Luke 4:38-39).

2. In order to hear Jesus _____ the Scriptures, the crowd urgently _____ upon Him to the edge of the Lake of Galilee. (v. 1)

3. Christ took the opportunity to teach from one of two boats that were nearby; His floating “_____” would offer everybody a _____ of Him and probably offer better acoustics. (vv. 2-3)

B. Jesus performs a MIRACLE and CALLS His disciples (5:4-11)

1. Jesus commanded Simon: “*Launch out into the _____ and let down your _____ for a catch.*” (v. 4)

* Why would this command be difficult to obey if you were an experienced fisherman?

2. From Simon’s reply we are informed of the group’s vain attempts from the night before, and we can certainly sense his _____ and _____. (v. 5)

3. It was most likely Simon and Andrew whose net was _____ by the catch, when they frantically _____ to James and John to bring their boat to help them. (vv. 6-7a)

4. This was no “_____” catch by any stretch and everybody knew it; their boats were so full of fish that they actually began to _____. (v. 7b)

5. This catch amazed this experienced fisherman so much that he immediately recognized it as a _____, and _____ himself by falling down at Jesus’ knees. (v. 8)

* What is telling about the way in which Simon addressed Jesus in v. 8 compared to v. 5?

6. The miraculous catch brought two responses from these fishermen...

a. For Simon personally it caused him to see his own wretched _____. (v. 8)

* When it comes to “service” and “ministry” what was Simon not recognizing?

b. For the rest of the fisherman it brought utter _____. (vv. 9-10a)

7. The interesting aspect of Christ’s metaphor is that fishermen caught _____ fish to _____ them, but the disciples would be catching people who were _____ in sin to lead them to eternal _____. (v. 10b)

* Is there a distinction between being a “believer” and being a “true disciple”?

* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?