

Lesson Aim: To learn more about what it means to follow the call of Jesus to a higher vision.

Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on winter break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the winter break.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

1. **READ Luke 5:1-11.** If you had been Simon Peter (the expert and professional fisherman) when Jesus said, “Put out into deep water, and let the nets down for a catch,” what would you have been thinking?
2. In the teaching Sunday, one of the principles Pastor Scott shared was that “sometimes the Lord has to revision us through failure.” How did Jesus do this in the life of Simon Peter?
3. Has the Lord ever given new vision to your life through failure? When? How?
4. Why do you think this miracle seems to have a more profound effect on Peter than the healing of his mother-in-law (cf. Luke 4:38-39)?
5. Another principle from Sunday’s teaching was that “when Jesus gives a command, you would be wise to follow it.” Simon Peter obeyed even though it may not have made sense to him. What might Jesus have in mind if he asked you right now to “launch out into the deep and let down your nets”?
6. A major point of Sunday’s teaching was to remind us that “Jesus calls His followers to a higher vision;” the vision of putting people first and helping them come to know Jesus. Write down some ways the following verses help us in the practical application of this vision:
 - **Matthew 5:14-16:**
 - **Colossians 4:2-6:**
 - **1 Peter 3:15:**

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

Luke 5:1 – 11

IMAGINARY VACATION

FACTS OF THE STORY

- 1 The experts caught nothing all night!

PRINCIPLE #1: Sometimes the Lord has to revision us through failure!

- 2 The experts are discouraged & tired
- 3 While the fishermen were cleaning their nets, Jesus borrowed one of their boats as a pulpit
- 4 The command to fish another way
- 5 The objection, followed by polite acquiescence

PRINCIPLE #2: When Jesus gives a command, you would be wise to follow it!

PRINCIPLE #3: Jesus knows where the fishing is really good!

- 6 The miraculous catch
- 7 Jesus calls His followers up to a higher vision

ARE YOU GOING FOR “SMALL FISH” OR “BIG FISH”?

- ▶ OBSERVATION #1: The priority is people (Luke 19:10)
- ▶ OBSERVATION #2: The focus is on potential (2 Peter 3:9)
- ▶ EXHORTATION: Start small, but START!