

# 30 A.D.

## THE JESUS STORY

The Higher Vision  
Luke 5:1-11

### IMAGINARY VACATION

### FACTS OF THE STORY

- ❶ The experts caught nothing all night!

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

- ❷ The experts are discouraged & tired
- ❸ While the fishermen were cleaning their nets, Jesus borrowed one of their boats as a pulpit
- ❹ The command to fish another way
- ❺ 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!

- ❻ The miraculous catch
- ❼ 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!

## LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of February 25-March 3, 2018

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### FACING HUMAN SICKNESS - Luke 5:1-11

Sermons can be viewed online at [creeksideeg.com/sermon](http://creeksideeg.com/sermon)

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

#### PRAYER

Begin your time together by asking the Lord to align your vision for life with God's higher vision for you.

#### MY STORY

1. How did you come to be in your current profession or the one you retired from?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

2. The word "disciple" literally means "one who learns." How do you as a Christ-follower seek to learn about God's calling on your life? Did Sunday's message bring any new insights or clarity to this process of discerning God's higher vision or calling for your life?
3. Read Luke 5:1-11. What did Jesus ask of Peter in verse three? What major possession of Peter's was Jesus wanting to use, and how would it enhance His ministry? Do think Peter was at all reluctant to let Jesus use it? Has God ever called you to utilize one of your prime possessions for ministry? What happened?
4. 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 to yourself?
5. In Sunday's teaching, one of the principles shared was that sometimes the Lord has to revision us through failure. How did Jesus do this in the life of Simon Peter, and has He ever done it in your life? How have you viewed or approached failure since that happened?

6. "When Jesus gives a command, we would be wise to follow it." How is this principle illustrated in Peter's life, and what might Jesus have in mind in your life if He asked you *"to launch out into the deep and let down your nets?"*
7. Why do you think Peter responded to Jesus in verse eight by saying, *"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man."* What can we learn from this for ourselves today?
8. Peter and the other disciples left their fishing boats and business to follow Jesus. What do you think was their motivation? What can we do today to help ourselves focus more on eternal things like people rather than temporal things like worldly possessions?

#### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

9. How do the following verses help Christians understand what God has called them to, how they are to accomplish His work, and what it might cost them?  
Matthew 28:18-20  
  
Matthew 5:14-16  
  
Colossians 4:2-6  
  
1 Peter 3:15  
  
Matthew 10:37-39

#### TAKING IT HOME

10. Is there anything God is prompting you to do in order to embrace His higher vision for your life? If so, what is a first step you can take this week? Is there someone in your life you can share this with and be accountable to?

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group, and ask God to help each of you embrace His higher vision.