LUKE 5:1-11 *Jesus Calls Peter, James and John*

INTRODUCTION

Unlike the people in Jesus' hometown, the people of Capernaum wanted Him to stay. But Jesus had a lot more people to share the Good News with. That's why God sent Him. Jesus would also call people to follow Him and help share the Good News, and they would give up everything to follow Him.

DISCUSSION

What do you think it was like for Peter to leave everything to follow Jesus?

EXPLANATION

- Why did Jesus say He couldn't stay? *He had to preach the Good News of the kingdom to other towns too.*
- What did Jesus do to get away from the crowd at the lake? *He got into Simon the fisherman's boat.*
- What did Jesus ask the fisherman to do? *Put out their nets to catch fish.*
- What happened next? *They caught so much fish that their nets were breaking and their boats started sinking.*
- What did Peter do when he saw all the fish? *He said he was a sinful man and that Jesus shouldn't be around him.*
- What did Jesus tell Peter? *"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."*
- What did Peter and his friends do next? *They left their boats-and everything- and followed Jesus.*
- What is a disciple? *Someone who follows Jesus.*

APPLICATION

Peter told Jesus that he and his friends had fished hard all night long and caught nothing. They were exhausted. But when Jesus asked him to try again, Peter willingly obeyed. And when he did, they caught so much fish that their nets started breaking and their boats started to sink. That's when Peter knew that Jesus was God's special man, and he and his friends left everything and followed Jesus. How is Jesus calling you to follow Him? What are some things you are leaving behind to follow Him? Peter probably thought they wouldn't catch any fish, but they did. What did Peter learn from that? What can we learn from that? Who are the people in your life Jesus is calling you to catch?

Memory VERSE

Luke 5:10b- "And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'"