BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET



JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES
LUKE 5:1–11

In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus teaches from Simon Peter's boat and then tells him to cast his nets into the deep water, even though they had caught nothing all night. Despite his doubts, Simon obeys, and they catch so many fish that their nets begin to break. Amazed and humbled, Simon Peter realizes Jesus' power and says he is not worthy to be near Him. Jesus reassures him, saying, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." Simon and his partners leave everything and follow Jesus.

"JESUS SAID TO SIMON, 'DON'T BE AFRAID; FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE CATCHING PEOPLE.'"

LUKE 5:10 (GNT)

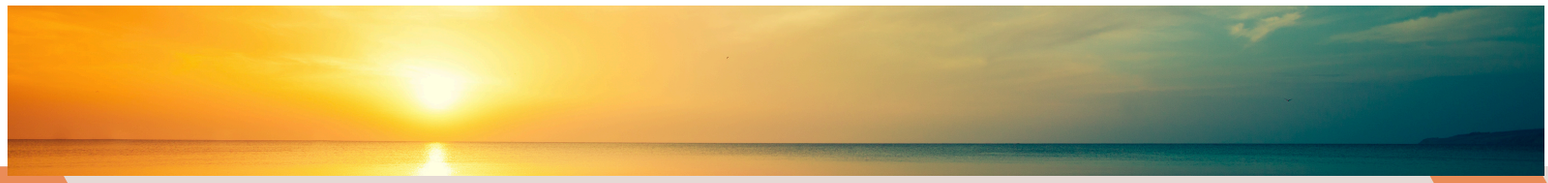


OBSERVATIONS:

- What was Simon Peter's reaction when Jesus asked him to go back out and fish again?
- How did Simon Peter react when they caught the large number of fish?
- What did Jesus say to Simon Peter after the miracle?
- What did Simon Peter and the other fishermen do at the end of the story?

GROUP ACTIVITY: FISH CATCH CHALLENGE

Create a fun fishing-themed game! Place paper fish with Bible questions (about this passage) written on them around the room. Using a makeshift "fishing rod" (like a stick with a string), take turns "catching" a fish and answering the question on it. The goal is to "catch" as much knowledge as you can!



REFLECTIONS:

- What is God teaching you through this story?
- Why was Simon Peter amazed at the catch of fish?
- How do you think Simon Peter felt when Jesus called him to be a disciple?
- What does it mean to be "catching people" as Jesus told Simon Peter?

APPLICATION: BRINGING IT HOME

How can you apply what you learned today in your life?

- **Trusting Jesus' Timing:** Just like Simon Peter had to trust Jesus even when it didn't make sense, we are called to trust Jesus with our own lives. Is there something you've been struggling with that you need to trust Jesus with?
- **Being a Disciple:** Jesus called Simon Peter to follow Him and "catch people." How can you be a disciple and share Jesus with others this week? Is there someone you can invite to church or youth group?



ACTION STEP:

WRITE DOWN ONE AREA IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU NEED TO TRUST JESUS MORE. THEN, THINK OF ONE PERSON YOU CAN "CATCH" FOR JESUS BY SHARING HIS LOVE OR INVITING THEM TO CHURCH.

FUN FACT:

Did you know that Simon Peter, James, and John were professional fishermen before they became disciples of Jesus? Jesus used their fishing skills as a symbol for their future mission: catching people by sharing the good news of God's kingdom!