

Warm Up:

Share a time when you did something that really stretched you. Perhaps this experience was risky, dangerous, or simply filled with the unknown.

Digging Deeper:

Read Luke 5:1-11

What initial observations do you have about this account of Jesus calling his first disciples?

In John 1:35-42 Jesus has an encounter with the initial disciples prior to his actual calling of them to follow him and "fish for people," so there is a degree of familiarity with Jesus. However, Jesus asks a lot of Simon Peter. Do you think you would be as receptive to someone telling you how to do your job as Simon Peter was? Do you currently find yourself pushing back on how the Lord might be leading you to live your life or do your work?

How do you feel about Simon Peter's response in verse 8? Have you ever had a moment when you have felt that way?

What is the impact of this fishing experience on Simon Peter's faith? How does it prepare him to follow Jesus?

Reread verse 10

What do you think Simon (and the rest of these newly called disciples) would be most afraid of in terms of following Jesus? What are you most afraid of when it comes to following Jesus?

How does this passage enhance your understanding of what it looks like to be called by Jesus? In what ways do you see connections between this passage and the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20?

Next Steps:

How has God proven himself to be faithful and trustworthy in your life? Do you look to examples like these as a source of encouragement and comfort when call to step out in faith? Why or why not?

What can you do this week to be mindful of God's call on your life as a disciple, someone who has been called to be a "fisher of people" so to speak?

Final Thoughts:

As a disciple of Jesus, you have been commissioned to participate in God's harvest, and be a fisher of people. This is a privilege and responsibility to take seriously.