

The MIRACLE MAKER

WEEK 3 | THE LARGE CATCH OF FISH | LUKE 5:1-11

Inspection – “What does it say?”

What excuse did Peter give for his hesitancy to go fishing?

Why did Peter agree to put out into the deep to fish?

Read chapter four of Luke. What events in chapter four may have contributed to Peter’s use of the word “Master” in Luke 5:5?

What emotional response did Peter have to the large catch of fish in verse 8?

What command did Jesus give to Peter in verse 10? How did Peter respond?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

The text reveals a large number of people and fish. How did “large numbers” affect Jesus’ ministry?

How does fear cause us to fail in our reaching the world for Jesus?

Peter was a fisherman and Jesus a carpenter’s son. How can pride impact how we follow Jesus?

Fishing and shepherding are lasting images of ministry in the church. Consider why?

How did Peter’s confession of being a “sinful man” affect his call to following Jesus?

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Consider how your past or current occupation can be a springboard to ministry.

Make a list of things you have left behind in order to follow Jesus. Update when appropriate.

Consider what commandments of Jesus would take you into “deep water” and trust Him.

Life is full of “joy killers.” Pray for a spirit of excitement to do God’s work.

The fishermen signaled to their partners for help with the great catch of fish. Foster a “come and help the cause of Jesus” attitude with your friends.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

Mark 16:15,16

Matthew 7:7

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Colossians 3:15

John 14:16

Luke 6:37

James 5:16

Psalm 32:5

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Leave All Things

Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar, then called them each by name.
It changed their lives, these simple men; they'd never be the same.

"Leave all things you have and come and follow Me."

And as He walked along the shore 'twas James and John He'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear they left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called; they came without regret.

"Leave all things you have and come and follow Me."

O Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John beloved one,
You heard Christ's call to speak good news revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene who traveled with your Lord,
You ministered to Him with joy for He is God adored.

"Leave all things you have and come and follow Me."

And you, good Christians, one and all who'd follow Jesus' way,
Come leave behind what keeps you bound to trappings of our day,
And listen as He calls your name to come and follow near,
For still He speaks in varied ways to those His call will hear.

"Leave all things you have and come and follow Me."

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