

## **Preparing for A Large Catch**

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Luke 5:1-11

Why was Jesus such a popular and effective communicator?

Preaching can take a variety of forms:

- Expositional
- Topical\_\_\_\_\_
- Narrative\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus's ministry in Luke 5:1-11 includes two elements:

- Preaching / Teaching the crowds of people
- M\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_

The invitation to go deeper in discipleship with Jesus can involve two kinds of responses:

- Peter's initial response
- Peter's final response

What is our response to Jesus's call to go deeper?

- Remonstrating
- Stepping out in faith

Stepping out in faith...

- Results in fruitfulness
- Prompts great humility

Are you personally (and PTC) ready to launch out in faith and to trust Jesus for the accomplishment of new things for God's glory?

## **Discussion Questions based on Luke 5:1-11**

1. Begin with prayer. Read the passage. What do you think it was about Jesus's public communication that drew crowds to want to listen to Him?
2. Talk about preaching in your experience in general or at PTC. What kind of preaching is attractive to you and why? What kind of communicator would you like the next pastor of PTC to be?
3. Why is it important to distinguish between Jesus's general teaching/preaching and His work with the twelve disciples? What is the significance of this for pastoral leadership today?
4. Why was it such a strange request for Jesus to call for His disciples to go deeper in order to fish? What do you think of Peter's response?
5. Would you agree that we Christians often tend to simply accept the status quo and not trust God for new things in our lives? Why might this be so?
6. What might it look like for you to listen to Jesus's request to step out in faith at PTC or otherwise?
7. What underlines Peter's response to the miracle of the catch? Do you have a story of what God did when you really stepped out in faith? How did it make you feel?

End your time with prayer for a new willingness to step out in faith as God calls. As necessary, confess unbelief.