



Study Guide on Message:

A Fish Story —

Luke 5:1-11

Use this set of questions to explore the message more deeply—whether in personal reflection, around the table, or in a small group discussion.

During Small Group

Choose a Weekly Leader —

The leader's role is simply to keep the discussion focused and guide the group through the questions. This does not need to be the same person each week.

Read the Passage — Have someone read the passage aloud.

Work Through the Questions —

Questions are divided into three sections: **Exegetical**, **Sermon**, and **Personal Reflection**. You do not need to answer every question;

Pray for One Another —

Keep prayer requests brief so there's time for everyone to share.

Time Length: Aim for about 1–1.5 hours. This is a guideline; adjust as needed for different schedules, especially in the morning

Bible Study Questions

Ice Breaker:

Has anyone taken up fishing before?

Be honest—Share with us the biggest Fish Story

Read Luke 5:1-10. Then Read Matthew 4:18-22 & Mark 1:16-18

Exegetical Questions

What is the crowd pressing in to hear (v. 1)?

Why does Jesus get into Simon's boat?

Has Simon already encountered Jesus before this moment
How does this connect to Jesus' growing authority in Luke 4?

2. Jesus' Word & Obedience (vv. 4–5)

Why would Jesus' command to fish again seem unreasonable?

Have you ever been in a situation before where someone told you how to do your job, but you clearly knew more than them but they were right
Tell us about it. What was your first gut feeling / reaction

What tension do you see between Peter's expertise and Jesus' instruction?

If you were Peter in this story, what would your immediate, gut-level reaction be to Jesus' request — before you had time to think it through?

3. The Miracle & Abundance (vv. 6–7)

Why include the breaking nets and sinking boats?

What does this reveal about Jesus' authority?

4. Peter's Response: Holiness & Humility (vv. 8–9)

Exegetical Questions

Why does Peter respond with confession instead of celebration?

What does his statement reveal about his understanding of Jesus?

Speculate: This likely was not the first miracle Peter had seen Jesus perform. So why does he respond with confession *now*? What is it about this particular miracle that causes him to react the way he does?

Bonus question: Do You think Peter Responds the way he Does so he doesn't have to leave the fish? Why or Why Not

Questions For Prayer Requests

- Share your best sense of what has speaking to you. Or Share the most impactful Scripture passage you read this month?

In light of what you learned, Did you do something about it?

If you did something about it, What happened?

If you didn't do anything about it, Why not?

How would you like me to specifically pray for you this week?

General Small Group Questions on the Sermon

The most encouraging thought I heard today was....

The most challenging thought I had today was...

The most confusing thought I heard was.....

The greatest joy in my life is...