

Back in the Same Boat – Again?

As you gather together to hear and apply God's Word, start by sharing how you were influenced by the previous study since your group last met. Use the following questions for review.

D Debrief & Interpret

- How did you apply the previous Scripture study?
- What did you learn about God as you applied the Word? What did you learn about yourself?

H Hear the Word

Many people wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. Some were merely curious but others committed themselves to following Jesus as a disciple. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Jesus wants to be involved in your life.

[Read Luke 5:1-11:](#)

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Discuss:

- Simon had just finished a night shift of fishing. How do you think he was feeling when Jesus made his request in v.4?
- What caused Simon's dramatic actions in v.8? How was he feeling now?
- What did Jesus mean when he told Simon to join him to "fish for people?" Why do you think Peter left everything to follow him and to fish for people?



R Respond Actively

As you end your study, choose one or both of the options below to apply the Scripture to your life this week.

- *Internal:* When Jesus called Simon, he left everything to follow Jesus. As you think about your relationship with God, what do you need to leave behind to really follow him? What areas of your life have you not surrendered to his leadership? Take a moment and share that with a partner and, if you are comfortable, pray with one another for strength to leave that behind to follow Jesus.
- *External:* Jesus' invitation to Simon was to use what he knows from fishing and to use it for Kingdom ministry – "fish for people." What do you think it would mean if Jesus said to you: "Don't be afraid; from now on you will 'nurse' for people?" How would that change how you viewed your classes, your clinicals, and your work? Name one concrete way you could go "nurse" for people this week and put it into practice.