

104. Jesus Calls Four Disciples (Luke 5:1-11)

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, Your word changes our lives. Even though we are full of sin, You come to us, You give us Your forgiveness, and You choose us to do Your work. Please bless our study and help us to understand how You want us to follow and serve You. We pray in Your holy name, amen.

Luke 5:1-3. One day, Jesus stood near the Sea of Galilee and He preached God's word. Many people stood around Jesus. Jesus saw two boats on shore. The fishermen were out of the boats, washing the nets. Jesus got into one boat. That boat belonged to Peter. Jesus asked Peter to push the boat into the water a little bit. While Jesus sat in the boat, He taught all the people.

- Jesus was near the Sea of Galilee. What was He doing?
- What were the fishermen doing?
- Why did Jesus get into one boat and go into the water a little bit?

Luke 5:4-5 Jesus finished preaching. Then He told Peter, "Take the boat out to the deep water. Put down your nets there to catch fish." Peter said, "Master, all night we worked hard and caught nothing. But You ask, so I will go out and put down the nets."

- What did Jesus tell Peter to do?
- How much did Jesus know about fishing? How much did Peter know about fishing? (Think about what Jesus did for a job and what Peter did for a job.)
- Did Peter do what Jesus told him? Did Peter think he would really catch fish?

Luke 5:6-7 They went out and put down the nets. They caught many fish, so many that their nets began to break. (Only one boat went out) They called their friends in the other boat, because they needed help. Their friends came to help them. Both boats were so full of fish, they both began to sink.

- Remember, did Peter think he would really catch fish? What happened? How many fish did they catch?

Luke 5:8-10 Peter saw that they caught enough fish to fill both boats. Peter fell down in front of Jesus and said, “Lord, leave me, because I am a sinful man!” Peter and the other men were all amazed because they caught so many fish. James and John, sons of Zebedee, worked with Peter. They were also amazed.

- Before, Jesus told Peter to go put down the nets. Now Peter tells Jesus to do something. What?
- Why did Peter tell Jesus to leave?
- Sometimes people say, “I will believe in God if He does a miracle for me.” Is that true? Will they believe, or maybe not believe?

Luke 5:10-11 Jesus told Peter, “Don’t be afraid. Starting now, you will catch people.” They brought the boats to the land. Then they left everything and followed Jesus.

- Peter asked Jesus to leave him. Did Jesus listen?
- Jesus gave Peter a new job. What was it? Did Peter accept his new work?
- Does God want us to quit our jobs and follow Him, same as Peter did?