

## discernment. Curiosity & Real Conversions

Luke 5:1-11

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1.	Move _		(vv.1-3)
2.	Stand <sub>.</sub>	(vv.	4-10a)
3.	Step _		vv.10b-11)

1 On one occasion. while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God. he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. (ESV)

## **Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

- 1. Read Matthew 7:21-27; James 2:14-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:5. What would you say to those who are offended that anyone would have them question the genuineness of their relationship with Christ?
- 2. Read Luke 24:45-47 and 1 John 1:8-10. How might you explain the experience of many who claim to have "become Christians" without any thought or reference to sin, confession, or repentance?
- 3. Read Luke 9:57-62. How do passages like this one help to sharpen your discernment regarding the difference between curiosity about Christ and real conversion?

4. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. How does a deeper appreciation of your need for forgiveness change the way you view the call to serve and sacrifice in the Christian life?

## The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

June 23rd

Esth.7-10 & Ac.6

June 24th

Job 1-3 & Ac.7:1-19

June 25th

Job 4-6 & Ac.7:20-43

June 26th

Job 7-9 & Ac.7:44-60

June 27th

Job 10-12 & Ac.8:1-25

June 28th

Job 13-15 & Ac.8:26-40

June 29th

Job 16-18 & Ac.9:1-22

June 30th

Job 19-20 & Ac.9:23-43

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 06-21 - Watching Out for the Pacifying Benefits of Dating Christ

Msg. # 06-24 - Making Absolutely Sure We Don't Miss It

Msg. # 07-03 - Motivated by the Fear of Being Phony

Msg. # 12-27 - Responding to the King of Kings

Msg. # 08-12 - 08-16 - How to Get Eternal Life (a 5-part series on the Rich Young Ruler)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Needham, David. Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle. Multnomah Press, 1995.

Pettegrew, Larry D. The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit. Kregel, 2001.

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