



**WEST
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Week 1

Sermon Series: Lessons from the Sinless Savior

Sermon Title: Answering the Call

Sermon Text: Luke 5:1-11

Group Week of: July 16, 2023

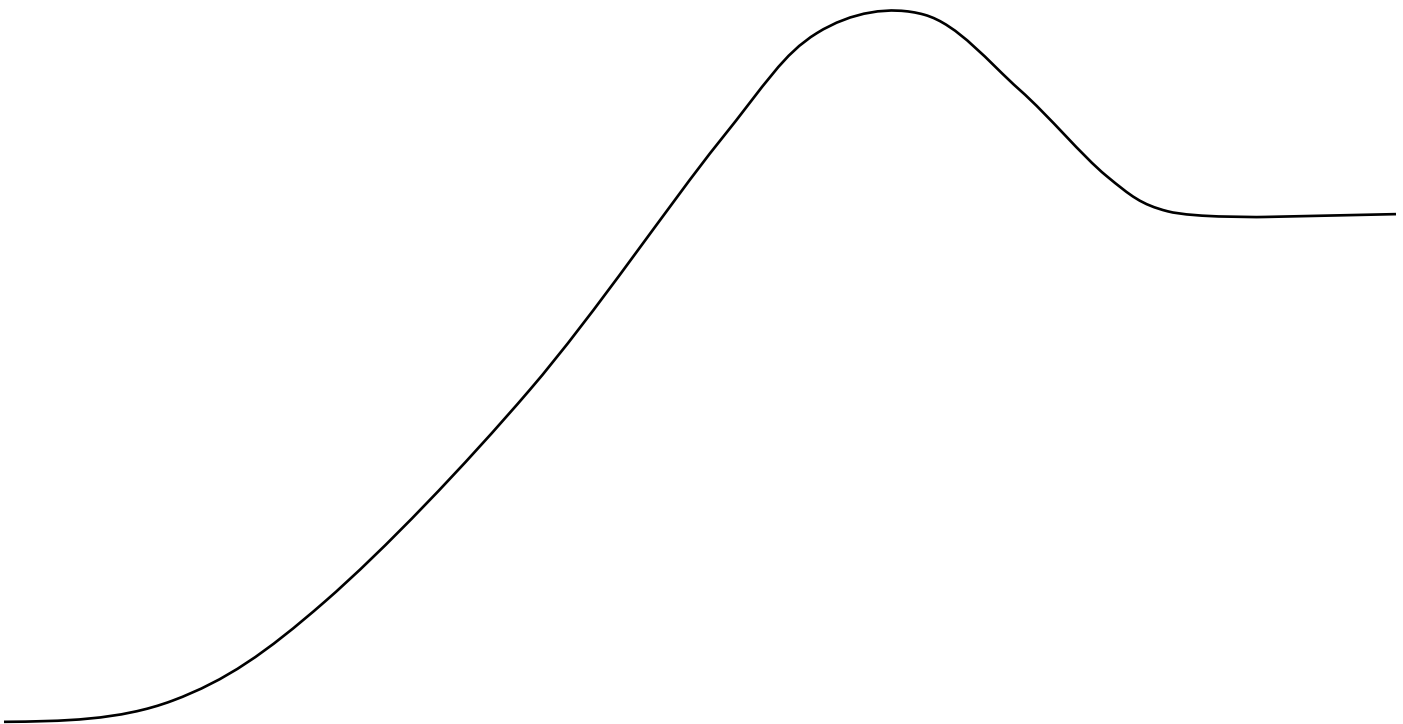
Sermon Date: July 23, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	Jesus and Andrew – John 1:35-50
Day 2	Evangelism – Romans 10:5-15
Day 3	Discipleship – Acts 18:24-28
Day 4	Following Jesus – Matthew 19:16-30
Day 5	Christian Service – Ephesians 4:7-13

The Text: Luke 5:1-11

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What has happened thus far in the book of Luke that would give Peter cause to trust Jesus' words?
- 3) Why does Jesus tell Simon not to be afraid?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Peter and Andrew were followers of Jesus since Jesus was baptized (John 1:35-42), and Peter's mother-in-law was healed by Jesus in the preceding weeks or months. Though they were not yet full-time disciples, they were certainly followers of Jesus and perfectly willing to let Jesus use their boat to teach. In this way, they were using their vocation to do Kingdom work. How can you, like Peter and Andrew, give your vocation to the Lord for the building of His Kingdom?

- 2) Peter had seen Jesus command demons, heal his mother-in-law, and heal many various diseases. He knew the power of Jesus' words. So even though Jesus told him to do something that made no sense, according to his expertise as a fisherman, he obeyed. What are some of the things Jesus tells you to do that make no sense to you personally? If you struggle to obey, how can you grow in faith? If you do obey, what have you seen God bring about through that obedience?

- 3) Though Peter had seen Jesus perform many miracles, uniquely, this catch of fish convicted Peter of his own sin and of Christ's perfection. Why do you think this, rather than the other miracles, got through to Peter? Secondly, remember a moment in your life when God uniquely revealed Himself to you. Share that moment and the fruit that came from it with your life group.

- 4) On this day, James and John became followers of Jesus along with Peter and Andrew (Matthew 4:21-22). Because they were fishing partners, we can assume that Peter and Andrew shared the news about Jesus with their friends. Their friends, upon seeing the miracle in Peter and Andrew's lives, are also willing to give their lives in service to Jesus. What does this lesson teach you about evangelism?

- 5) Jesus tells Simon not to be afraid and that from this point, they will fish for people. Think for a moment of the parallels that come from fishing and evangelism. How does fishing, and particularly Christ's intervention here, prepare Simon (and you) to do the work of preaching the gospel?

- 6) To follow Jesus is nothing short of dying to ourselves and all earthly desires. These men did that when they left their nets, their boats, their businesses, and their families to follow Jesus. How were they able to make such a difficult decision? Additionally, compare your own decision to follow Jesus. Could you, or have you decided to follow Jesus as these men did?