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## Jesus Calls His Disciples

### I. The Calling

#### A. John's Introduction

*The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.*

John 1:35-37

#### B. Jesus' Rejection

*And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.*

Luke 4:29-30

#### C. Jesus' Transition

*And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.*

Luke 4:31-32

### II. The Catch

*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, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.*

Luke 5:1-2

#### "Our Story:

##### A. Where is your confidence?

*And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."*

Luke 5:4-5

### We tend to trust our knowledge and experience.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

### B. Who is your commander?

*But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,*

Luke 5:8-9

*And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"*

Isaiah 6:5

### C. What is your calling?

*. . . And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."*

Luke 5:10b

#### Keys to fishing for men:

##### 1. Follow the Master.

*And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Matthew 4:19

##### 2. Make right use of the net.

*to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,*

Ephesians 4:12-13

### When Jesus calls, is it the miracle or the message that draws us?

*"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he said to the paralytic -*

Mark 2:9-10

*And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

Luke 5:11