

ULC Sermon Study Resource

The Gospel According to Luke // Jesus Calls

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: Happy Mother's Day! Share a high and a low of the week with the group.

Reading: Luke 5:1-11, 27-32

Outline:

- I. Jesus' call confronts (v. 6-8)
 - a. The call to follow Jesus is a call to confront our own sinfulness and repent.
 - b. When Jesus becomes the measure of our lives, we constantly find ourselves on our knees like Simon Peter when we realize we cannot measure up.
Q: Why was Simon Peter overwhelmed when he saw how many fish were caught?
- II. Jesus' call costs (v. 9-11)
 - a. The fishermen left everything to follow Jesus, and this is the same cost for us today.
 - b. We are called to resist the cultural currents and to value faithfulness to Jesus above all.
Q: Why does Jesus address Simon Peter's fear first?
- III. Jesus' call heals (v. 27-32)
 - a. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance and to heal each and every one of us through the forgiveness of sins.
 - b. The grace of Jesus will cost us, but it is ultimately for our healing.
Q: What was Levi giving up to follow Jesus?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Can you think of a time when you reacted in the same way that Simon Peter did when confronted with the reality of Jesus' call?
- 2) How does it make you feel to know that even in our sinfulness, Jesus still graciously calls us to follow Him?
- 3) Have you tried to incorporate Jesus into your pre-existing plans, hopes, and dreams?
- 4) Have you ever struggled with understanding how a life of faithfulness could be better than what the world has to offer?
- 5) How can you attend to those that are "sick" in our world, just as Jesus did?

Suggestions for further study:

- Isaiah 6:1-6 **Q: How is Isaiah's response similar to Simon Peter's response in Luke?**
- Luke 18:22 **Q: How does Jesus' teaching here echo what we read about today?**
- 1 Peter 2:21-25 **Q: How are we called to face suffering, and why?**

Closing Prayer: Gracious God, when your son Jesus called his first disciples, they left everything to follow Him. They dropped everything to take hold of Jesus. God, we pray that your spirit would rest on us. We pray that we would have the faith and confidence to let go of everything and take hold of the grace you offer us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.