

One Step Behind Jesus

The Calling

Luke 5:1-11

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Jesus preaches to crowds but His message is always to the individual. He calls individuals to follow Him. He personally invests in their lives.

Jesus knows as they follow Him that they will be transformed.

They will experience His forgiving power. They will want to tell others about Him. They will want to go fishing for souls -- telling others of Jesus and His forgiveness! This whole transforming and sharing process begins when a person hears and understands Jesus' message!

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IDEA

When Jesus calls I will follow!

Simon Peter hears Jesus' message
and a miraculous turn of events gets his attention!
Likewise, when Jesus steps into our lives
we need to respond!



Jesus will ask us to **obey**.

Luke 5:1-5



Jesus' power will cause us to **repent**.

Luke 5:6-10a



Jesus will call us to **follow**.

Luke 5:10b-11

*As we follow Jesus we will want to tell others about Him!
When they respond to Jesus in faith ...
we are then catching people for life!*

Looking ahead: Next Sunday we will study Luke 5:12-26

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Are You Ready to Follow Jesus?

Good questions to ask yourself:

- ↪ Do you believe in God?
- ↪ What do you think He wants from you?
- ↪ Would it surprise you that God wants a relationship with you that starts now and lasts forever?

Here is a simple way to understand it:

God created us to be with Him.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. Genesis 1-2

Our sins separate us from God.

We all have broken God's laws and our relationship with Him is broken. Romans 5:12

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

All sins must be punished for God to be the just Judge. Romans 3:20

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

He lived the perfect life and took the punishment we deserve. Romans 5:6-8

Everyone who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life.

Admit you have sinned, ask God to forgive you, and trust that Jesus died for you! Romans 10:9-10

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

We are a new person spiritually. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Think about it:

- ↪ Does this make sense to you?
- ↪ Do you have any questions?
- ↪ Is there anything holding you back from putting your faith in Jesus right now?

Then talk to the Lord about your commitment:

Dear God, I know my sins have broken my relationship with You and nothing I could do could ever change that. But right now, I believe that Jesus died in my place and rose again from the dead. I trust in Him to forgive me for my sins. I accept Your offer of an eternal relationship with You and want to follow Your plans for my life. Amen.

Now connect with others who are following Jesus, too!