

Luke 5:1-11 - <sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

<sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men.”

<sup>11</sup>So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

### Sermon Outline

Matt. 11:28 - “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

- I. The Call to Come to Jesus is a Summons to Begin a Journey of Transformation (John 1:42).
- II. The Call to Come to Jesus is a Summons to Fully Experience Him for Ourselves (Luke 5:1-11).
  - A. In Jesus' Presence there is an instinctive and swift awaking of conscience (vs. 8).
  - B. The human response to God's Presence is real fear; it is a correct yet incomplete response.
  - C. Jesus' invitation not to fear is our invitation to come to Him to receive mercy, forgiveness, grace and peace (vs. 10b).
- III. The Call to Come to Jesus is a Lifelong Journey of Gradual, Life-Enhancing Change (1&2 Peter).

### Questions for further study and review:

1. Describe an acquaintance of yours whose life characterizes a personality type of “larger-than-life,” bold, brash, etc. What things are attractive about this kind of person? What things aren't quite as attractive? What would this person need to do to become more pleasant in your opinion?

2. Read Luke 5:1-11. Remind yourself of previous encounters that Simon had with the Lord Jesus before this event. What do you glean from these?
3. How do you explain Simon's response in vs. 8? What do you think was going through his thought processes at that very moment? How would you have responded?
4. Go through the Sermon Outline and consider the scriptures given and the points made. Do you agree with each? Why or why not?
5. Challenge: Have you dealt with the fundamental issue of God's holiness and your sinfulness? Have you stared into the face of Jesus and realized your need for the Saviour? If not, today is a good day, not only for yourselves, but also to tell others about the salvation and forgiveness available to those who come to Him.