



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 (NAS)

Topic: "The Call to Be Fishermen"

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- 1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;
- 2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.
- 3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat.
- 4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."
- 5 Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets."
- 6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break;
- 7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.
- 8 But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!"
- 9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;
- 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."
- 11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him

I. JESUS BEGAN HIS DAY BY THE SEA

- A. Lake Gennesaret – also known as _____
- B. A Good Place For Preaching
- C. The Crowds Gathered To Hear The Word Of God
- D. A Boat For A Pulpit

II. THE COMMAND TO PETER

- A. Put Out To Sea
- B. Questions Which Might Have Arisen
- C. Peter's Response

III. LESSONS WE LEARN WITH PETER

- A. Acceptance Of All Our Lord Says
- B. God's Omnipotent Power *Psalm 148:7,8*
- C. Recognition Of His Sin; Our Sin
- D. God's Holiness *Isaiah 6:3,5*

IV. OUR LORD'S CALL

- A. It Begins With Grace—"Do Not Fear" *John 14:1*
- B. The Call To Be Fishers Of Men *Matthew 28:18-20*