



- Every powerful encounter with Jesus displayed **faith** in Jesus.
- Our encounters with Jesus invite us to a **life** with Jesus.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." Luke 5:4 (NLT)

- Simon's encounter with Jesus was because of his faith to **obey** Jesus, even when he thought he knew better.

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." Luke 5:5 (NLT)

And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:6-11 (NLT)

#### Reasons for this miracle:

- A reason for the great catch of fish was to show Simon what Jesus could do through his **obedience**.
- A reason for the great catch of fish was to give Simon a new **purpose** for his life.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10 (NLT)

- Simon had faith to **discover** Jesus' purpose for his life.

#### Definitions of a disciple:

- A disciple is a **learner** of Jesus.
- A disciple is **follower** of Jesus.

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)

#### To be a disciple...

- I must **do what Jesus is doing**.

If you want to be my disciple, you must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them. John 12:26 (NLT)

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10 (NLT)

- I must **obey Jesus**.

...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:18-20

Someone may say, "I am a Christian; I am on my way to heaven; I belong to Christ." But if he doesn't do what Christ tells him to, he is a liar. But those who do what Christ tells them to will learn to love God more and more. That is the way to know whether or not you are a Christian. Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did. 1 John 2:4-6 (TLB)

- I must **love Jesus most**.

If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26 (TLB)

- I must **love every other disciple**.

If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples. John 13:35 (TEV)  
 "If someone says I love God but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar. For if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God whom we have not seen?" 1 John 4:20

- I must be **committed to Jesus**.

And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:11 (NLT)

Jesus' desire is that we are all **fully devoted** disciples.



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What would have been the outcome of this story if Simon didn't obey Jesus?
- Why is obedience so important to our faith in Jesus?
- Talk about the two "Reasons for this miracle". What was Jesus showing Simon about how He could use his obedience? The great catch also displayed Jesus new purpose for Simon, do you think Simon understood this purpose? Do you think if Simon did understand that he would believe that he could do what Jesus was giving him to do?
- What does it mean to be a learner and follower of Jesus?
- What does it mean that we are to do what Jesus is doing? (Jesus came to seek and save the lost, serve people, be a light in the darkness..)
- How do we obey Jesus as disciples today? Why is obedience so important to being a disciple?
- How do we measure that we love Jesus most?
- What are some ways we use faith loving other believers/disciples?
- How is your commitment to Jesus? What are you allowing to compete with Jesus?
- In your own words, what does it mean for us to be fully devoted disciples?

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2. Purchase the item(s).
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Today's Talk..



## Faith To Obey

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