

Following the Jesus Way

Week 1: Jesus' Call

Luke 5:1-11

Ice breaker: Where have you seen God at work this week?

Share any stories of things you are thankful for, stories of where you have seen God at work this week or answers to prayer.

This week we're starting a series from Luke's gospel as we journey with Jesus and the disciples together.

Read together Luke 5:1-11: Jesus calls the first disciples

Does anything particularly strike you as you read the story?

Some Questions:

- 1) Why is this setting not necessarily the place you would expect Jesus to call his first disciples? What does this tell you about Jesus and who he uses?
- 2) Why do you think the crowds were following Jesus? (You may like to look back at what was happening in chapter 4) What were they looking for?
- 3) What do you think people around us are looking for today?
- 4) Peter was washing his nets and so was done for the day, but Jesus asked him to take him out in his boat. How do you react when Jesus interrupts your schedule or goals or asks you to do something that doesn't seem to make sense to you?
- 5) How did this miracle affect Simon? Why do you think this has a more profound effect on him than the healing of his mother-in-law (in 4:38-39)?
- 6) Verse 11 says that Peter and friends "left everything and followed him [Jesus]". What do you think "leaving" means for us today?
- 7) What is keeping you from metaphorically leaving everything and following Jesus?
- 8) Was Jesus call to "catch people" just a command for Simon or for all his disciples (then and now)?

Application and prayer

In small groups:

Do you feel 'called by Jesus'? If so where and what for?

Share with each other how they can pray for you on your frontlines this week.