



**Winter 2020–2021 Theme:**  
The Call of God in the New Testament  
**Unit II: Jesus and Calls in His Ministry**

### Lesson Titles:

**The Ultimate Fish Story** (Faith  
Pathway Bible Studies)

**Called to Significance**  
(Townsend Press Sunday School  
Commentary)

## LESSON 6—January 10, 2021

### Devotional Reading:

Luke 9:57-62

### Background Scripture:

Luke 5:1-11

### Print Passage:

Luke 5:1-11

### Key Verse(s):

Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. (Luke 5:10b, KJV)

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Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” (Luke 5:10b, NIV):18-19, NIV)

### ► Questions to Consider:

1. Why did Jesus **instruct** Peter to move his boat further out in the water?
2. When Jesus finished **teaching**, what did he tell Peter to do?
3. What was Peter’s **response** to the overflow of fish he witnessed?

### ► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Contemplate the story of the miraculous catch of fish.
- Reflect on Simon’s changing attitude toward Jesus as the story progresses.
- Hear Jesus’ instructions and eagerly obey them.

### ► Lesson Context:

Jesus called a small group of fishermen to leave their daily work to join Him in ministry and prepare for being sent out as apostles of Jesus.

### ► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. Called to **See** (Luke 5:1-3)  
Key Point 1: The people followed Jesus and gathered to hear Him teach.

Key Point 2: The people had crowded around Jesus so that He had little room to deliver His message.

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II. Called to **Search** (Luke 5:4-7)

Key Point 1: After Jesus finished teaching to the people, He commanded Simon Peter to launch the boat further out, into the deeper waters, and to let down the fishing “nets for a catch.”

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Key Point 2: Simon obeyed Jesus, did exactly what He told him to do and took the boat out into the deep water.

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III. Called to **Significance** (Luke 5:8-11)

Key Point 1: When Simon Peter saw the amazing and miraculous catch of fish, he fell at the knees of Jesus and worshiped Him and announced that He was a sinner.

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Key Point 2: Jesus told Simon Peter not to be afraid and called him to follow His ministry and become a fisher of men.

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► **Lesson Summary:**

- The Good News of the Gospel is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16).
- Jesus has come to set humanity free from the wages of sin.

**What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week’s Faith Pathway student book.)**

1. What are some other reasons for why believers gather together if not to hear the Word of the Lord? What can we do to help?
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2. Name some thoughts and hindrances that keep us from trusting God’s Word. How can we grow in obedience and trust?
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3. To do the significant work of God's kingdom, what is it that you need to release and leave behind?

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**As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:**

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