

Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

"Go Deep..." (Luke 5:1–11)

Points from Sunday's Message

- 1. Jesus tends to work incrementally in our lives, not all at once.
- 2. Jesus usually reveals His greatness gradually, rather than all at once.
- 3. Jesus frequently rewards reluctant obedience to build future faith and faithfulness.
- 4. The Jesus style is redemptive, transforming fallen sinners into faithful saints.
- 5. Jesus seeks faithful followers, not perfect subjects.

Key Verse:

"So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him."

- Luke 5:11

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does Peter's reaction in verse 8 ("Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord") reveal about the effect of encountering Jesus' power and holiness?
 - How does that compare to how people respond to Jesus today?
- 2. Pastor Miles mentioned that Jesus works "incrementally" in our lives rather than all at once. Where have you seen that kind of slow and gracious work in your own spiritual journey?
- 3. Why do you think Jesus often rewards reluctant or partial obedience like Peter's? What does that say about God's character and his goal in our discipleship?

Consider:

- Exodus 4:10–12 Even Moses hesitated, yet God worked powerfully through him.
- Judges 6:14-16 God calls Gideon despite his fear and uses him mightily.

- **Philippians 1:6** A reminder that God's work in us continues even when our faith feels small.
- 4. Pastor Miles said, "Jesus is not recruiting slaves who obey out of fear, but disciples who respond in faith." What's the difference between those two mindsets?
 - How can you identify which one is motivating you?
- 5. What's one small, next step of obedience Jesus may be asking of you right now even if it feels inconvenient, unclear, or uncomfortable? What's holding you back?

Further Study:

- James 1:22 Obedience is essential to living out faith.
- Luke 16:10 God honors small steps of faithfulness.
- **Proverbs 3:5–6** Taking the next step often means trusting God even when the outcome isn't clear.
- 6. Jesus called Peter, James, and John to leave everything and follow him. While most of us won't leave our jobs, what are some ways we are called to "forsake all" in our context to follow Jesus more faithfully this week?

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.