

Study Guide

Resolution Realignment

- 1.) Read Luke 5:1-3. Simon and his colleagues have just returned from a night shift of fishing. How do you think the guys are feeling, especially when Jesus stepped into Simon's boat?
- 2.) Read Luke 5:4-6. What happens when Simon listens and follows Jesus' instructions even when at first the plan seems impossible and useless?
- 3.) Read Luke 5:7-8. On Sunday, Matt mentioned how Simon seems to more fully understand the Lordship of Jesus (v. 8) compared to his earlier reference of Jesus as "Master" (v. 5). At this moment, Simon also recognizes his sin especially when standing next to the power and perfection of Jesus (God in the flesh). Then, Simon misjudges Jesus thinking that He should not be near him any longer because of his imperfection. In what ways do you see other people deflect the unconditional affection of Jesus? In what ways might you deflect His affection especially when recognizing your imperfection? (Ex. Attempting to earn God's approval or justify the value of your life through your own actions.)
- 4.) Read Luke 5:9-11. When they arrive back at the water's edge and pull the fish onto the beach, Simon, James and John had to make an important decision. They chose to follow Jesus Himself rather than cash in their prize catch of fish. They realized that Jesus was not a *means to their end*, rather Jesus was the *end*. What is it about Jesus that convinces Simon, James and John to choose nearness to Him over the material reward that they have always hoped for? [Do you think these men later regretted their decision? Why or why not?] Are there "fish" that you need to leave behind in your life for the sake of a greater reward found in Jesus Himself?
- 5.) What are the "small yeses" in your journey with Jesus that have (or will) lead to "big Kingdom things?" Share about times when you said "yes" to Jesus in the past and the result of that "yes." Also, consider potential promptings from God that you may need to say "yes" to now.

Message Slides
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Slide #1:



Slide #2:

Luke 5:3-5 text (NIV)

Slide #3:

Luke 5:6-9 text

Slide #4:

Luke 5:10b-11 text (starting with "And Jesus said to Simon...")

Slide #5:

The Three "Yeses"

Slide #6:

The Three "Yeses"

1. "Allowing Jesus into the boat"

Slide #7:

The Three “Yeses”

1. “Allowing Jesus into the boat” (Positioned to HEAR from Jesus)

Slide #8:



Slide #9:

The Three “Yeses”

1. “Allowing Jesus into the boat” (Positioned to HEAR from Jesus)
2. Agreeing to cast the nets into the lake

Slide #10:

The Three “Yeses”

1. “Allowing Jesus into the boat” (Positioned to HEAR from Jesus)
2. Agreeing to cast the nets into the lake (Positioned to EXPERIENCE Jesus)

Slide #11:

The Three “Yeses”

1. "Allowing Jesus into the boat" (Positioned to HEAR from Jesus)
2. Agreeing to cast the nets into the lake (Positioned to EXPERIENCE Jesus)
3. Leaving the fish behind and following Jesus further

Slide #12:

The Three "Yeses"

4. "Allowing Jesus into the boat" (Positioned to HEAR from Jesus)
 5. Agreeing to cast the nets into the lake (Positioned to EXPERIENCE Jesus)
- Leaving the fish behind and following Jesus further (Realizing Jesus is *the end*)