

# Small Group questions

Luke 5: 1-11

1) What was the decision facing Peter when Jesus commanded him to put out into deep water and let down the nets? Have you ever had a time in your life where you have had to believe God despite the circumstances?

2) How is Peter's response to Jesus in v.5 a demonstration of true faith? See Hebrews 11:8,11,31

3) In v.8 Peter makes a strange exclamation. Why didn't he shout for joy? Have you ever come to the place where you look around at God's blessings in your life and you say "I don't deserve this"?

4) David Garland, in his Exegetical Commentary on Luke notes, "the catch becomes a symbol of the mission that (Jesus) will call Simon to engage in, and a symbol of its great success." Would you agree? If so what are the implications for us?

5) What does the disciple's action at the end of this story tell us about the choice they had to make to follow Jesus? Does "everything" mean "everything" or is it more a reference to a reorganizing of priorities? See Luke 5:28-29.

6) Are there any priorities in your life that need to be reorganized to enable you to wholeheartedly be a disciple? What fears do you face in doing so? How can Peter's sense of his dependence on God help you?