

Jesus Calls His First Disciples: Steps to Calling Men

Luke 05: 01–11

(Mt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20; Jn. 1:35-51)

<p>1 Lake Gennesaret</p> <p>2 Step 1: Seeing a vision of people who need to hear the Word of God</p> <p>3 Step 2: Seizing resources</p> <p>a. Seeing the resources available</p> <p>b. Seeing a man: Simon</p> <p>c. Leading the man to serve</p> <p>4 Step 3: Removing reluctant obedience</p> <p>5 Step 4: Demonstrating godly power</p> <p>a. A great catch made</p> <p>b. A catch so great the net breaks</p> <p>c. A catch so great other help is needed</p> <p>d. A catch so great both boats are filled</p> <p>e. A catch so great the boats began to sink</p> <p>6 Step 5: Stirring a deep confession</p> <p>a. Of sin, v.8</p> <p>b. Of Christ as Lord, v.8</p> <p>c. Of awe - reverence - fear</p> <p>7 Step 6: Challenging men to discipleship, that is, to catch other men</p> <p>8 Step 7: Watching for the decision to forsake all</p>	<p>1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God,</p> <p>2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.</p> <p>3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.</p> <p>4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."</p> <p>5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."</p> <p>6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.</p> <p>7 So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.</p> <p>8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"</p> <p>9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,</p> <p>10 And so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."</p> <p>11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.</p>
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