

# Study of Luke Ch. 5

*From catching fish to catching sinners.*

## **Opening**

Pray. *You start off with prayer. Ask for God to be in your conversation and to increase faith through this time.*

Would you rather give up... Internet access for a month or your phone for a month? Air conditioning in the summer or heat in the winter? Streaming/cable or gaming? A year at the end of your life or give up your freedom for a year in jail? All drinks except water for a year or food cooked in an oven for a year? Dessert for a year or meat for a year? Air conditioning for the summer or swimming for the summer?

Have you ever had to make a sacrifice? What was it? How hard was it and what was the outcome?

## **Study**

Jesus has started His ministry showing us that not everyone is willing to accept His teachings and that He has authority. Luke now shows us the heart and center of Jesus' ministry on earth: making disciples. We will see that this idea was not received well by those in power. We know Jesus' picture is bigger than that, which includes you and me.

What is a disciple? How would you explain to a friend what a disciple is?

Read [Luke 5:1-11; 27-32](#).

What do you find interesting about these accounts? What speaks to you?

Why does Peter respond the way he does?

It's good for us to recognize our shortcomings, imperfections, and sinfulness. Jesus invites these imperfect men to follow Him and they do! What exactly are they giving up by following Jesus?

What things do we give up to be disciples of Jesus? What have you given up to follow Jesus?

How did other people respond to who Jesus called to be His disciples (v.30)? Why?

Who or what types of people do you struggle with Jesus calling to follow Him?

## **Mark of a Disciple: Follow Jesus with their life**

Jesus calls all of us to follow His ways and to live His mission. Though we can't die for the world to save it, we can sacrifice for others so that they may know salvation. Sacrifice is not easy.

What things make it hard to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

What things are keeping you from fully following Jesus? Why? How can that change?

Being a disciple does not mean being perfect or even looking perfect. It means we look like the one we follow. Why is that important?

Read this verse. Why is it important that we look like Jesus?

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What is one thing you can do to follow Jesus this week? What will it take to do this? Who will you need help from to accomplish this?

## **Prayer Time**

Take prayer requests. Have everyone write them down so that each day you may pray for one another. Then, pray for each other before you close.

Are there any fears or concerns around the pandemic? Please be sensitive to each other and listen. Respond with encouragement from God's Word.