| Context: Jesus is about to go public with his ministry. He’s been in the synagogues and in a private home, and he’s taught, cast out a demon, and healed tons of people, including Simon’s mother-in-law. But now he’s at the gigantic Lake of Gennesaret (aka Sea of Galilee) in the middle of a thriving fishing industry (not grandpa in a rowboat).  |
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**characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, cause/effect**

**(mark observations in the text, make lists/charts below the text, use comments to ask questions)**

Luke 5:1-11 NRSV **#TEACHING#** Once while Jesus was standing *beside the lake of Gennesaret*, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there *at the shore of the lake*; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got *into one of the boats*, the one belonging to Simon, and *asked him to put out a little way from the shore*. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **#FISHING#** **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out *into the deep water* and let down your nets for a catch.” **5** Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” **6** When they had done this, they **caught** so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **#RESPONDING#** **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell *down at Jesus’ knees*, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” **9** For he and all who were with him were amazed at the **catch** of fish that they had taken; **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, *“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be* ***catching*** *people.”* **11** When they had brought their boats *to shore*, they left everything and followed him.

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**##** = scene change. From teaching with fishing in the background to fishing with teaching in the background

*locations*

Ways Jesus is referred to

Underline the contrast between the lack and abundance of fish

Characters in addition to Jesus

References to Time

Jesus’ actions

Jesus commands

* V.10 “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be **catching** people.”
* V.3 asked him to put out a little way from the shore

Responses to Jesus

* V.1 Interest == the crowd was pressing in on Him
* V.5 Doubt == we have worked all night long but have caught nothing
* V.9 Amazement == all who were with him were amazed

Transition Words

| Core MessageTrusting in the Lord even when things seem impossible leads you to a completely unexpected place.Jesus meeting you in what you’re doing and calling that to His greater purpose.Obeying Jesus in the midst of failure or doubt yields far more than we can imagine.Jesus interrupts normal & promotes unexpected change when we pay attention.**Going deeper with Jesus changes everything.** |
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| ApplicationIn what area of your life are you experiencing Jesus intruding to invite you deeper, and how are you responding? |
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| Initials | Response to the application question |
| xx | Trusting Jesus as my companion in every moment. He wants me to talk with him and be with him (instead of worrying). This is super relevant to me right now, when it’s so easy to worry about HOW MUCH LONGER UNTIL LIFE GETS BACK TO NORMAL. |
| xx | My purpose and comfortability being challenged in this time of doubt and treading into uncharted territory. Jesus is inviting me to tread deeper, with more trust in Him in the midst of my doubt. My doubt and fear do not disqualify me from obeying and seeing God still do great things. I am responding by keeping up with small group students more regularly, calling or messaging at least two people a day.  |
| xx | I have to fight to trust Jesus in this “deeper” virtual location. I have a sense there will be a great catch, but the shallows still feel safer. And I want to not just obey, that isn’t enough for Peter, I want to expect. |
| xx | Reading the word and praying more. I am doing more praying than I am reading. |
| xx | Reading Psalm - experiencing a tugging feeling when it mentions Jesus’s love = telling me to share His love with others aka evangelism (??) , uncertain about summer plans regarding summer semester -> responding with prayer and talking to people in leadership about how to go about this feeling |
| xx | To trust Jesus with uncertainty about the personal and professional future and what this virus means for my life and plans/jobs after graduation, along with when broader things will get back to normal and see people again; Jesus is inviting me to take more intentional time with Him away from the distractions of school & to radically trust and expect  |
| xx | Giving up more of my time (now that things that preoccupied me are taken away) to go deeper with him in prayer, scripture, rest, worship throughout my daily life, instead of in pieces |
| xx | I’ve been feeling urges to share the gospel with family & strangers; responding with prayerful watching n waiting for right opportunities/green light to just go for it. Even when opportunities don’t seem to happen or I feel like I’m not doing enough, to reflect and let go of guilt |
| xx | He’s asking me about my heart and its intentions, why does it seem more like a Pharisee heart rather than a servant’s? I’m trying to ask God to help me receive His grace and mercy, and the desire to change.Also challengng me to stay in relationship with His Word |