

# WITNESSES #2 Fishers of Men

**Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)**

## Jesus Calls His First Disciples

**Luke 5:1-11** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled 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. <sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> 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 fish for people." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**Isaiah 6:5 (NIV)** "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

**Luke 2:49 (NIV)** "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

**2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV)** ...that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

1. Every fisherman has a **FISH STORY** Luke 5:1-7

2. That's when Peter **KNEW!** Luke 5: 8, 9

3. Jesus wanted to make them into **FISHERS OF MEN**

Luke 5:10, 11

a. Follow Me

b. I Will

c. Fishers of Men

### BIBLE READING PLAN

- Sunday: Ezra 7
- Monday: Ezra 8
- Tuesday: Ezra 9
- Wednesday: Ezra 10

- Thursday: Nehemiah 1
- Friday: Nehemiah 2
- Saturday: Nehemiah 3
- Sunday: Nehemiah 4