

# DEEP PREP GUIDE

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**SCRIPTURE | Luke 5:1-11**

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus repurposes us for His purpose.

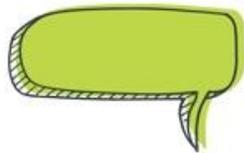
**MEMORY VERSE**

“There is nothing to fear. From now on you’ll be fishing for men and women.” Luke 5:10

**LIFE APP**

Using something you own, how can you repurpose whatever it is to help others follow Jesus?

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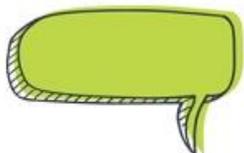
## TENSION

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Our Bottom Line for this week is that **Jesus repurposes us for His purpose.**

I grew up in a very strict evangelical church. The message that I remember growing up in that church was all about what I needed to do to get right with God. I was the one who needed to put my trust in Jesus in order for God to save me. I was the one that needed to turn from my struggles and fears in order for God to have a conversation with me. I remember the first time I heard “following Jesus” in the context of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was in college. I’m sure I heard it before, but it wasn’t a theme that was emphasized. What’s my point? This passage is about meeting Jesus, Jesus inviting us into an adventure, and repurposing us for His bigger purpose.

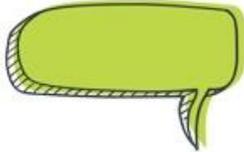
You’ve been watching your students for a few months now. It’s maybe become clearer that the teenage years and a contradictory journey of steps forward and steps backwards, along with excitement and disappointment. You may say that this is LIFE, but this passage can have special meaning for teenagers. It’s not always about what we bring it Jesus; it’s about what Jesus can repurpose in our lives for His purpose, so we can grow in our following of Him.



## TEXT [CONTEXT]

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This is a very basic story, one that you've probably heard before. Jesus arrives at the lake of Gennesaret, or Sea of Galilee, where he proceeds to preach the "word of God" to the many listeners using Simon's fishing boat as a platform. Afterwards he asks the fishermen to go out fishing again. They are reluctant as they had been unsuccessful during the night before, but following his request they catch a large load and are amazed. Jesus then calls Simon (Peter) and his partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, into his ministry: "From now on you will be catching people."



# TRUTH

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What does it look like to "follow Jesus"? What does it feel like to surrender your heart to God's heart? This is the ultimate need for students. They need a vision of repurposing something looks like.

The first step is always one of honesty. Any program of change starts with the honest truth of where we are at with things. Maybe the first step is saying, "I don't know where I'm at". That's okay if that's where you are at today. It doesn't mean you have to stay there! For students, recognizing that they have a counterpoint, sync, a harmonizing with God's heart through their life is a journey, not a destination. Our constant sorting and resorting through our motives, attitudes, values, concessions, and habits is one that happens frequently in our life. We are simply helping them learn what Jesus is inviting them into, and loving them through Jesus disrupting their lives for His good purpose.

From honesty comes surrender. Surrender is recognizing our place in God's heart, and embracing that we have found "our people" among God's people, and that our relationship with God is contingent on our partnership with how God wants to change us.