



**Week of April 25, 2021**

**Lessons in Luke: Calling First Disciples**

**Luke 5:1-11, 27-32**

### **Day One: Read Romans 5:6-11**

*<sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>7</sup> Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. <sup>9</sup> And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. <sup>10</sup> For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. <sup>11</sup> So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.*

- What does this passage say about who God chooses, and why? How does God's way of valuing people differ from the way our culture values people? The way you value yourself?

### **Day Two: Read Luke 5:1-7**

*<sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." <sup>5</sup> "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." <sup>6</sup> And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! <sup>7</sup> A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.*

- Have you ever sensed Jesus asking you to do something that seemed illogical...as he did when he asked Simon to put back out his nets? How did you respond? What did you learn? And if you didn't respond, what might you have missed?

### **Day Three: Read Luke 5:8-11**

*<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." <sup>9</sup> For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. <sup>10</sup> His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" <sup>11</sup> And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.*

- Do you ever feel like Simon, unworthy of Jesus' love and attention? If you do, how can this story change your perspective?

### **Day Four: Luke 5:27-28**

*<sup>27</sup> Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. <sup>28</sup> So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.*

- What do you think Jesus saw in Levi? Were there things that others couldn't see, or just didn't value? What do you think Jesus sees in you that others might not see?

**Day Five: Luke 5:29-32**

*<sup>29</sup> Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. <sup>32</sup> I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."*

- Who does Jesus hang out with? Why? In what ways are you like the Pharisees? In what ways are you like the banquet crowd?