

The Big Catch – Luke 5:1-11

Starter – sharing our stories.

Last week we considered 'Jesus' manifesto' (Luke 4:18-19) and ours... Share any opportunities you have had this week to carry out 'Jesus's manifesto' on your frontlines. Where have you seen God at work this week?

In today's passage we see Jesus calling the first disciples.

I recently heard someone describe discipleship as,

'becoming more like the person Jesus would be if he were you.'

- What do you think of this definition? What does it say to you?

Read Luke 5:1-11 through together and then have a couple of minutes silence, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

- What strikes you about this passage?
- What does this story say to you about what it means to be a disciple (a follower of Jesus)?
- The men fished all night and 'caught nothing' and then Jesus directed them where to fish and their nets were suddenly full!
 - What does this say to you about being guided by God?
 - What does this mean for you in reality?
 - Are there any areas in your life where you feel you have 'been fishing all night and caught nothing'? What might Jesus want to say to you? What might it mean for Him to ask you to 'cast your nets on the other side'?

- Simon Peter, after the great catch of fish, addresses Jesus as 'Lord' What did he mean? And what does it mean for us to think of Jesus as 'our Lord'?
- The passage states that the men 'left everything and followed Him'.
 - Why do you think the disciples 'left everything'?
 - What do you think this might mean for us today?
 - How does this match with your own conversion experience? What have you 'left behind' to follow Jesus?
 - What areas of your lives do you find hardest to 'leave behind'?

Prayer and response

In a time of quiet, be open to God. What does he want to say to you today through this passage and what does he want you to put into practice?

Write it down here and bring it to God in prayer...

Pray for your frontlines

Share in small groups something about each of your frontlines (where God has given you to 'fish'!) and what you can pray for each other for. As a group and make a list and email it round so you can pray for each other regularly this week.