

- Sing one or two songs from morning worship (printed in bulletin, available at [redeemerprestemple.org](http://redeemerprestemple.org) under the “Resources” tab)
- Read the Scripture passage (printed below and in bulletin)
- Pray with a specific focus on people and situations in the group (spiritual growth, needs, encouragement, rejoicing)
- Pray for the truths discussed from the Scripture study to more deeply permeate our lives and empower us for service and mission together.

## Discussion Questions

1. Simon (Peter) left everything to follow Jesus after he had been presented with clear evidence of Jesus' power, heard his teaching, and experienced his character. What does this teach us about what it means to have faith in Jesus? What is the difference between blind faith and reasonable faith?
2. Why does Simon respond to Jesus with the words, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord"? What did Simon recognize about Jesus and about himself?
3. What is the connection between Simon's story in the presence of Jesus and Isaiah's story in the temple in Isaiah 6?
4. When have you had an experience of recognizing the absolute holiness of God, and your own sinfulness in his presence? How did you respond?
5. Why was it only after Simon's confession of his sinfulness that Jesus said to him, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men"? How does acknowledging our sinfulness make us useful for Jesus' mission?
6. What does the tremendous catch of fish teach us about Jesus' provision and grace? When have you seen Jesus provide for you so that you could follow him in a risky calling?

## Announcements

- **LANDSCAPING SPRING CLEANUP** Saturday, March 9, starting at 9am. All are welcome!
- **MEN'S CROKINOLE SHOWDOWN** Thursday, March 7 at 8pm at Michael Spencer's (2614 Marlandwood)
- **EASTER BRUNCH Muffins + Mimosas** Sunday, March 31 starting at 9am
- **WOMEN'S IN-TOWN RETREAT** Save the date for April 12-13

## Luke 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.