

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Luke 5:1-11

I. (v. 1) Jesus, ever preaching... for He knows:

- A. His time is _____ (Making the most of His time- He sensed the urgency)
- B. His hearer's _____ is limited (i.e. life is short, **Ps. 39:4** niv)
- C. He knows, in many cases, the _____ they have received needs correcting, that they haven't been spiritually led well (**Matt. 16:6; Is. 9:16; Ezek. 34:1-4; Is. 44:22**)
- D. He knows the biggest need of any human being is the salvation of their soul. Because:
 1. He has seen what we haven't seen, the _____ of hell and the reward of heaven.
 2. He doesn't take any pleasure in the death of the _____ (**Ezek. 33:11**)

II. Jesus doesn't wait for perfect ministry conditions before He does ministry. (v. 2-3)

- A. The opportunity was there so He used what He had and found a _____ to make ministry happen.
- B. Also, Jesus the master teacher, knows well that acoustics are super strong on the _____

III. His goal was, two-fold, stepping into the boat:

- A. Preach _____ to the people (v. 2-3)
- B. _____ his first disciple. He calls him in two ways:
 1. He first shows Peter _____ it is that's actually calling him (**v. 4-8**)

IV. Peter's "healthy" response of humility (v. 8)

- A. "I am obviously in the presence of _____ (God), for no one else can do these things except God, and if you're God, then you see everything and my sinfulness is fully exposed (**Is. 6:1-7**)
- B. Point:
 1. A healthy understanding of God must include our _____.
 2. God uses imperfect people to do a perfect _____, which glorifies Him all the more.
- C. But aren't there standards for spiritual leadership positions? Yes, some more than others, but understand the balance here:
 1. We as human followers of Christ, try to be qualified to lead and teach, but...
 2. We cannot wait 'til we are perfect before we minister either. If we are the perfect ones, then the _____ can too easily go to us for any success, but if God (& His message) is what is perfect, and He still uses (imperfect) us to make ministry happen, then the success is _____! The message is always _____ than the messenger.

V. What a masterful illustration to their calling... (v. 10-11)

- A. Jesus connects, perfectly, their brains to what He's calling them to do by using language they know well— they got the point. "*Let's go _____!*"
- B. Realizing His power & authority, they easily said "yes".
 1. Point: The more we're in touch with who He is, the _____ it is to obey... Ex. "why are you doing this?" ans. "Because the Lord said so"...