



Building a Strong Discipleship Culture—Part 4

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Let's Go Fishing—Luke 5:1-10

The Call to Greater Work – Go farther v. 1-3

- A. A desire for the word of God (*pressing*). Teaching, Teachable. Blessed are the teachable.
- B. The heart of the people. Psalm 63:1-2, Psalm 42:1.
- C. Privilege v.3. Life appears good. Great job, family, friends, and doing well.

The Call to Action v. 4

- A. Leave your comfort zone. Peter is in a familiar place; comfort zone-sea of Galilee
- B. Launch out and Let down - (command) A word from Jesus.
- C. Human responsibility - Cast nets (catch fish, win souls). Obey the Word. Obedience of Peter.
- D. Do More - refuse to settle for the shallowness. Another level calls.
- E. Go with Expectations- To catch fish.

The Complaint v. 5 (Not the best time for fishing)

Peter has knowledge, he has a system for fishing. Pattern, routine. Peter's Complaint-excuses, why this is not a good idea. Tired, toiled all night. Much laboring had taken place, exhaustion. Time—night, spent a lot of time doing this work. Total found- taken nothing. They are discouraged. Just because you failed once doesn't give you a reason to quit. Don't be disheartened by negative circumstances.

The Compliance v. 5 (Nevertheless)

At thy word I will do it. The right attitude helps and changes everything.

The Consumption v. 6

- Promise—At thy word
- Practice—Action, carrying out the promise.
- Price—Reward for obedience; caught a multitude of fish.
- From Failure to Success—No new methods, boats, or nets. The presence of Christ matters.
- Divine intervention—Same means and methods; the right partner.
- The presence of Christ brings success—Jesus was in the boat, not on the shore.



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The Collaboration v. 7—Power in Partnerships (The right partnerships)

The Problem - The net is broken, and fish escape. To help each other, we must learn to work together. Our work should be done in collaboration with others who are doing the same work. No matter how hard we try, some fish will escape our nets.

The Connection v. 8-9

Peter is humbled by God's success and not his own failure.

The Comfort v. 10

Fear not. This is a lesson for the future. The fish you caught are now dead. I'm going to teach you to catch men who were dead who will now be brought to life.