

Fishers of Men

(Luke 5:1-11)

- Introduction:
1. Jesus once stood by the Sea of Galilee and asked to borrow Peter's boat to teach the people.
 2. Following his sermon, Jesus gave Peter some "fishing tips" that are just as applicable to us today.
 3. Let's see what we can learn from Jesus' "fishing lesson" given to Peter.

I. The Words Of Jesus Draw A Crowd

- A. (Luke 5:1).
- B. Jesus always seemed to be surrounded by people.
- C. The word of God will attract attention today.
- D. (1 Peter 4:11).

II. Jesus Told Peter To Launch Out Into The Deep

- A. (Luke 5:4).
- B. Peter had to get away from the shore.
- C. He needed to go where the fish were.
- D. (Mark 16:15-16).

III. Peter Had Met With Complete Failure

- A. (Luke 5:5).
- B. He was an experienced fisherman, had fished all night, and had no success.
- C. We'll not always have great success.
- D. When success eludes us, we must guard against impatience and the desire to quit.

IV. Peter Obeyed The Word Of Jesus

- A. (Luke 5:5).
- B. This demonstrates Peter's respect for Jesus.
- C. We, like Peter, need to simply take Jesus at his word.
- D. (Hebrews 5:9).

V. Jesus Borrowed Peter's Boat

- A. (Luke 5:3).
- B. Jesus didn't take his boat, but requested use of it.
- C. When Peter obeyed, he was rewarded.
- D. We too will be rewarded if we allow Jesus to borrow our lives (Romans 12:1).

- Conclusion:
1. Like Peter, have the faith to give your life to Jesus.
 2. Trust him with all that is yours.
 3. If you will, he will reward you beyond your imagination.