

## Luke 5:4-11

- 5:1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,  
with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God,  
5:2 he saw at the water's edge two boats,  
left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.  
5:3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon,  
and asked him to put out a little from shore.  
Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.
- 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,  
"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."  
5:5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything.  
But because you say so, I will let down the nets."  
5:6 When they had done so,  
they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.  
5:7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them,  
and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.  
5:8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said,  
"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"  
5:9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,  
5:10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.  
Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."  
5:11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.
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### Luke 5:4-11

Build trust though credibility. 4-5

Credible words lead to actions of trust

Share your successes. 6-7

(credibility leads to trust. Trust leads to following directions. Following a trusted and credible leader leads to...) Celebration leads to generosity.

cp. scarcity mentality leads to fight the competition. ie. win/lose

cf. innovation mentality leads to leading the competition. ie. win/learn

Every response is a stepping stone. 8-10

a) "Depart from me" I don't want to be challenged or to change

b) "I am sinful" I can't do it. I'm not good enough / gifted enough / resourced enough / smart enough... etc

c) "Lord" The difference is too great. The target is too high.

Jesus does not address any of these excuses. They are all from the head. Jesus bypasses them and goes deeper. He addresses the heart. "Don't be afraid." Fear is more limiting than lack of financial resources or lack of innovative ideas

Jesus is directive. "...you will..." not "you can" or "try to" But they couldn't!  
Present a plan. "...catch men." wholeistic / heart and head

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## 2 – Leaders / business devotion

### **Customer satisfaction through truth telling. Luke 5:4-11**

Leaders earn and build credibility. 4-5  
Leaders under-promise and over-deliver. 6-7  
Leaders acknowledge and affirm attributes. 8-9  
Leaders envision a larger future. 10-11

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## 3 – Youth devotion

### **Choose the best future. Luke 5:4-11**

I haven't done anything, but it's about what Jesus wants to do in me. 4-5  
My personal resources are inadequate, that's why I am in a team. 6-7  
Accept the truth about me and Jesus, independent of what others do. 8-9  
Reject your fear and take steps into the better future with Jesus. 10-11

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### **What does He know about me? Luke 5:4-11**

Does Jesus know what He is asking of me? / asking me to do? 4-5  
Does Jesus know how much trouble He will cause me? 6-7  
Does Jesus know how He will destabilise my comfort zone? 8-9  
    Come unto me all you who are weary... Matthew 11:28-29  
Does Jesus know He is messing with my future plans? 10-11  
    I know the plans I have for you... Jeremiah 29:11

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### **Ready, willing, and able. Luke 5:4-11**

What I am willing to do. 4-5  
What I am willing to ask. 6-7  
    Will you help me in my need?  
    Will you share in my blessings?  
What I am willing to admit. 8-9

I am a sinner.  
Jesus is my Master

What I am willing to leave. 10-11

The biggest thing I am/am not willing to give up for Jesus is...

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**Help! I'm in deep water. Luke 5:4-11**

The deep water of failure. 4-5  
The deep water of success. 6-7  
The deep water of truth. 8-9  
The deep water of change. 10-11

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**Who wants what? Luke 5:4-11**

Jesus will ask me to do something difficult, but not impossible. 4-5  
Jesus will bless me with more than I can handle. 6-7  
Jesus wants a relationship with clear boundaries. 8-9  
Jesus focuses on emotional freedom and spiritual futures. 10-11

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**What am I supposed to be? Luke 5:4-11**

I am to be faithful in my responsibilities. 4-5  
I am to be generous in my blessings. 6-7  
I am to be honest in my relationships. 8-9  
I am to be enthusiastic about my future. 10-11

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**What to do, when I just don't get it! Luke 5:4-11**

I don't want to do what Jesus says. 4-5  
I don't understand what Jesus does. 6-7  
I don't understand what Jesus wants. 8-9  
I don't resist Jesus' call. 10-11

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**I'll tell you why I can't be spiritual. Luke 5:4-11**

I'm too busy to be spiritual. 4-5  
I'm too successful to be spiritual. 6-7  
I'm too sinful to be spiritual. 8-9  
I'm too scared to be spiritual. 10-11

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**Taking "God and me" to the next level. Luke 5:4-11**

God and me, Level 1: I do all the work and gain nothing. 4-5  
God and me, Level 2: I partner God's work, and I can't cope. 6-7  
God and me, Level 3: Good theology; poor relationship. 8-9  
God and me, Level 4: Jesus leads; I follow. 10-11

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**Luke 5:4-11**

Not my will but thine be done. 4-5  
Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph.). 6-7  
O wretched man that I am (Rom.7). 8-9  
Go into all the world (Matt.28) 10-11

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**Because you say so. Luke 5:4-11**

What Jesus says contradicts my experience. 4-5  
What Jesus says enhances my experience. 6-7  
What I say confirms my experience. 8-9  
What Jesus says redirects my experience. 10-11

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### **Because! Luke 5:4-11**

Because you say so, I will change my behaviour. 4-5  
Because I change my behaviour, I am blessed. 6-7  
Because I am blessed, I understand theology. 8-9  
Because I understand theology, I do what You say. 10-11

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### **The Rewards of obedience. Luke 5:4-11**

Obedience with reluctance. 4-5  
Obedience by rejoicing. 6-7  
Obedience brings regret. 8-9  
Obedience for renewal. 10-11

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### **Refuse to live an ordinary life / Time to live an extraordinary life. Luke 5:4-11**

Jesus speaks into my ordinary life. 4-5  
Jesus gives extraordinary blessings in my ordinary life. 6-7  
Jesus wants spiritual insights of my ordinary life. 8-9  
Jesus calls me to live beyond my ordinary life. 10-11

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### **Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion**

1. List 3 ways in which you are an ordinary person, and 1 thing that makes you a little bit odd.
  2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:25-29. From these verses, what does God want you to do? What is one practical way you can do it?
  3. Read Luke 5:4-7. What were the reasons in v4 and 5 that resulted in the blessings of v6 and 7? Suggest how this principle might apply to a) our church; and b) me personally.
  4. What were Simon Peter's 2 statements in Luke 5:8? How are the two connected; and why would he arrive at those conclusions?
  5. Jesus told Simon Peter to leave behind his fear in Luke 5:10. What emotional, or other, baggage is slowing your progress?
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