

## THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

### Luke 5:1-11

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. Disciple.
  - 1. The word “disciple” is used about 252 times in the Gospel and Acts.
  - 2. A disciple is recognized as a follower of Jesus.
  - 3. It is a Greek word that means “learner”.
  - 4. A disciple was one...
    - a. ...who followed a teacher, Matthew 16:24.
    - b. ...learned from the teacher, Matthew 11:29.
    - c. ...who followed the dictates of that teacher, John 8:31.
  - 5. A true disciple became like his teacher, Matthew 10:25.
- B. We have been called to be disciples of Jesus Christ.
  - 1. Ephesians 1:3-4
  - 2. 1 Peter 2:9
  - 3. Matthew 16:24
- C. But what is involved in accepting the call?

#### I. WE MUST LEARN SOMETHING.

- A. Willing to be instructed by the Lord. Luke 5:1-3
  - 1. Peter cleaning and mending his nets.
  - 2. Jesus preaching to the crowd needed a “platform”.
  - 3. Peter sat in his boat, working his net, AND listening.
    - a. Listening to the word of God, 5:1.
- B. We must learn from Christ.
  - 1. Matthew 11:29 – “...learn from Me.”
  - 2. Must be a student of God’s Word.
    - a. 2 Timothy 2:15
    - b. Psalm 119:11, “*Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee.*”
  - 3. We are slowly starving ourselves. Hosea 4:6, “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*”

#### II. WE MUST UNDERSTAND SOMETHING.

- A. Understand That He is Master. Luke 5:3-8
  - 1. After Jesus finished preaching, He commanded Peter...
  - 2. Peter had fished all night – tired, dirty, cleaning nets, etc.
    - a. Peter knew the best time to fish.
    - b. Peter knew the best place to fish.
  - 3. “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing...”
  - 4. “But, because You tell me, ...I will.”
  - 5. Peter recognized Jesus as Master and Lord.
- B. We Must Understand that Jesus is Master.
  - 1. We do not instruct the Master – He instructs us.
  - 2. We do not tell Him what we will or will not do.
  - 3. Masters do not give suggestions or advice. They give commands.
  - 4. The question to ask:
    - a. Not “Is this reasonable to me?”

- b. But “Is this what Christ has asked me to do?”
- 5. John 14:15, 23-24

### **III. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE SOMETHING.**

- A. Jesus is Lord of Everything.
  - 1. Peter had seen previous miracles of Jesus.
    - a. Water into wine, Jn. 2:1-11.
    - b. Healed a nobleman’s son from a distance, Jn. 4:46-54.
    - c. Many other signs and wonders, Jn. 2:23; 3:2.
  - 2. This miracle affected the way he lived.
  - 3. He was overcome by his shortcomings.
    - a. Lk. 5:8, “*Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!*”
- B. We Must Acknowledge Two Truths:
  - 1. He is everything. Peter addressed Him as Lord. Rom. 10:9
  - 2. Recognize that we are nothing. Lk. 18:13b, “*God, be merciful to me, the sinner!*”

### **IV. WE MUST CHANGE SOMETHING.**

- A. Peter Called to Fish for Men.
  - 1. Peter separated himself from Christ, Lk. 5:8.
  - 2. Jesus drew him closer, Lk. 5:10b.
  - 3. He called for Peter to change his life. “From now on...”
- B. Our Need to Refocus Our Lives.
  - 1. We are called to tell others of Christ, 1 Pet. 2:9.
    - a. Matthew 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples...”
    - b. Called to be the salt and light. Matthew 5:13-16
  - 2. Our interests in life become secondary to that of living for Christ.
  - 3. Lk. 9:23

### **V. WE MUST GIVE UP SOMETHING.**

- A. Following Jesus Full-Time.
  - 1. Peter and his friends had spent time with Jesus.
  - 2. But now Jesus was calling them to follow Him full time.
  - 3. They left everything and followed, Lk. 5:11.
    - a. Mark tells us that they left “immediately”. Mk. 1:18.
    - b. Left their father in the boat with the servants, Mk. 1:20.
- B. Trusting the Lord in All Things.
  - 1. He doesn’t expect every disciple to be a full-time minister. Lk. 14:33
  - 2. But He does expect to be first in all things, Lk. 14:33; Mt. 16:24.
  - 3. Jesus promises the necessities of life if we put Him first.
    - a. Matthew 6:33
    - b. Philippians 4:19

### **VI. WE MUST DO SOMETHING.**

- A. We Must Follow Him. Luke 5:11
- B. He calls for us to do the same.
  - 1. Matthew 16:24, “*If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must...take up his cross and follow Me*”.