

Because You Say So, I Will

Group Study Guide
Gospel of Luke Series

Main text: Luke 5:1–11

This weekend, Pastor Jonathan looked at the passage of Jesus calling Simon Peter to follow him. After teaching from Simon's boat, Jesus asked Simon Peter to go fishing. Simon pushed back because he'd been fishing all night without a catch, but Simon did it anyway. Because you say son Lord, I will let down the nets. This is a profound statement of obedience in Jesus, likely without much faith in the thing itself that Jesus is asking. Then the biggest catch of Simon's life comes in. Instead of rejoicing, Simon has a curious response to this miraculous catch, he tells Jesus to go away because Simon knows himself to be a sinner. Jesus brushes this admission off and invites Simon to come to come follow him. Simon leaved everything behind and follows Jesus completely.

Questions:

- Read the story of Luke 5:1–11. Why do you think Simon agreed to do what Jesus asked even though he had reason not to?
- Have you ever sensed God asking you to do something that you didn't want to do? Explain.
- What are some scriptures that come to mind for you where Jesus speaks directly into our lives about what he wants us to do?
- After the miraculous catch, Peter doesn't celebrate, he tells Jesus to leave because Simon is aware of his own sin. Why do you think he has this reaction?
- How does Jesus respond to Simon's admission of sin?
- What implications does that have for us when we are open and honest with God about our sin?