

## Sermon #9: It Can't Stay Here

03/14/21

### BREAKING THE ICE

- What impacted you most about this week's message?

### UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH

*Read the Passage (Luke 5:1-11)*

1. Read the first 3 verses of this chapter and share all the things you learn about Jesus from this brief description by Luke.
2. What strikes you about Jesus & the way He ministered from this description?
3. What do you think Jesus was preparing to do by having these fishermen put out into the deep water for a catch (after they had fished all night and caught nothing)?
4. What can you learn about Simon from his response to Jesus in verse 5?
5. Have you ever felt this way about being obedient to something Jesus commands you to do? Share.
6. What is Simon's response after they take in a great catch?
7. Again, what does Simon's response teach you about himself?
8. What does Simon's response teach us about the type of people Jesus calls to follow Him?
9. Think about this for a minute before responding. How does this whole scene instruct the first disciples Jesus' called about becoming fishers of men?
10. How did they respond to Jesus' call afterwards?
11. How does this scene and Jesus' call challenge you in being a follower of Jesus (& a fisher of people)?

### SEEING JESUS CHRIST

*God, the Father, sent Jesus as the original "fisher of men". Jesus faced much rejection, especially when it came to the religious leaders of Israel. Yet, Jesus knew that He would be successful at what He was sent to accomplish because His Father had all authority & had foreordained that many would come to faith in His Son. However, Jesus knew He would face the ultimate rejection in order to accomplish the infinite salvation He would provide. Not only would His people (Israelites) reject Him and crucify Him, but His own Father would turn His Face from Him when placing His wrath for sin upon Jesus. Jesus set out to the deep and fished anyway. His obedience to His Father, His love for sinners, and His trust that many would believe strengthened Him to endure the Cross.*

- How does Jesus courage and love to pursue sinners for salvation move you to do the same?

## **MAKING IT MATTER**

1. Share your personal experience with discipleship. Have you ever been discipled or discipled someone else?
2. When you see where Jesus was when He called Simon and his friends, what challenges you to think differently about making disciples?
3. How does Jesus' physical miracle with Simon reveal His authority to guarantee we will experience spiritual success as fishers of men?
4. What shift in your mindset or actions are necessary to obediently embrace the call to make disciples in your life?
5. What would our church look like if most of us embraced this perspective? How would it impact our city?

## **PRAYING FOR GOD'S POWER**

"This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

When we pray according to God's will it engages the power and guidance of God to bring about our transformation. If we apply these things in our own strength, then it is just legalistic obedience. But, when we humbly ask God to change us and empower us according to His will and by His Spirit, it becomes transformational AND it glorifies God.

1. Ask people to share one key, specific application from today's lesson that they want God to bring about in their life. Then take time to pray for each other in these areas.