

WHEN JESUS GETS IN YOUR BOAT

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Jesus meets His disciples where they are—He enters our world and gets in our boat. And He calls us to share with others by becoming fishers of men. No one is beyond the reach of God!

INTRODUCTION

Share about an experience you've had with fishing. Like fishing, how are there right and wrong ways to share your faith?

Pastor Greg explained that the main problem is not Christians sharing their faith in the wrong way, but not sharing their faith at all. What are the top reasons for this?

UNDERSTANDING

READ LUKE 5:1-11

How is this story a miracle of Jesus changing Peter, James, and John? How do you think this interaction with Jesus shaped the rest of their lives?

The disciples went back to fishing, but Jesus pursued them and saw something in them that they didn't see. Why did the disciples experience greater changes in their lives when they spent more time with Jesus?

How does Peter's response, "But at your word," express faith and trust? What does it practically mean to take God at His Word?

Pastor Greg explained, "Jesus could have given Peter a vision or a long sermon, but instead, He gave him fish—because that is what Peter understood." While Peter had already witnessed a few of Jesus' miracles, how do you think this miracle personally impacted him? What does this reveal about the way Jesus "gets in the boat" of individuals?

How did Peter react to this miracle? How does this reveal the truth that when you encounter a holy God, you realize how sinful you are?

While God has called us to be fishers of men, who else is trying to catch people, and how (2 Timothy 2:26)? How does this give you urgency to obey Jesus' instruction?

APPLICATION

Like Peter, how did Jesus "get in your boat" and custom deliver the gospel to your specific situation?

Jesus reaches all kinds of people—from academics to the uneducated, a genius or a child. How have you personally seen how no one is beyond the reach of God?

Pastor Greg shared the following observations about the similarities of fishing and evangelism. A good fisherman must:

- **Be patient.** How can you have the "long view" in evangelism (1 Corinthians 3:6)?
- **Persevere.** Why is obedience the indicator of success in evangelism?
- **Know to go to the right place at the right time.** Why should we go to new places and also return?
- **Have skill.** Instead of reels or nets, our tools are the Bible and the leading of the Spirit. How have you learned to use these tools more effectively?
- **Know how to work with others.** Why is cooperation key to sharing our faith? How is this seen in how Jesus sent His disciples out in pairs?

PRAYER

Thank Jesus for getting into your boat! Pray for opportunities to share your faith. Follow Jesus and take Him at His Word.