

1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;

2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and *began* teaching the people from the boat.

4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say *and* let down the nets.

6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began* to break;

7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also *were* James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."

11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

There's No Taking Trout with Dry Breeches

A very dangerous job

To be a fisherman is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world to do. As a fisherman steps onto his boat to go into deep sea, I wonder if he ever wishes he could just stay at the shore but that is not what he's about. His boat has been built to get out of the harbour and enable him to fulfil his purpose. Do you have the nerve to fulfil your purpose?

Follow the instructions and discover truth for yourself.

1. Read Luke 5:1-11. As you read put a cross through every reference to Jesus and make a list of what you learn about Him.

2. Who are the people that Jesus is mainly speaking to in this passage?

3. Re-read Luke 5:1-11 and put an anchor over every reference to "the boats" then make a list of what you learn below.

4. How many boats are there in this passage?

5. How would you explain the position of each boat?

Reflect:

Which of the boats best describes the position of your life right now?

- Are you 'docked' and reluctant to move?
- Does Jesus want to use you for a specific task?
- Are you going to move into a place of obedience and do what Jesus has asked you to do?
- Do you have the courage and faith to abandon your 'boat', leave everything and follow Jesus?

Where is your boat?