

## Bible Study: Fishers of Men

**For discussion:** Have you ever been asked to take on a job you were totally unqualified for? What happened?

### Read Luke 5:1-11

1. What were the crowd expecting to hear from Jesus (v. 1)? What does that tell us about their attitude and belief about him?
2. Jesus turns a fishing boat into a platform for preaching (v. 3).
  - a. Have you ever seen an ordinary tool/workplace/situation turned into a resource for preaching the gospel?
  - b. Are there any ways we could – as a church or as individuals – make use of the situations we find ourselves in to preach the gospel?
3. Jesus tells Simon [later Peter] how to fish (v. 4).
  - a. What is strange about this?
  - b. Why do you think Simon responded the way he did (v. 5)?
4. The fishing trip is enormously successful (vv. 6-7). This brings a response from Simon (v. 8).
  - a. What do Simon's actions in verse 8 suggest about his attitude towards Jesus now?
  - b. How is this reflected in the name he calls Jesus (compared with verse 5)?
5. In verse 10, Jesus says: "Do not be afraid ..."
  - a. Why do you think Simon was afraid? What evidence do you see in this passage?
  - b. On what basis does Jesus reassure him?
  - c. How might this allay our fears when we meet Jesus?
6. Having turned the fishing boat into a pulpit (v. 3), Jesus now turns the fisherman into a preacher (v. 10), saying: "... from now on you will be catching men."
  - a. What qualifications did Simon have for this?
  - b. Why do you think Jesus chose him?
  - c. What does this teach us about how God can and might use us?
7. In verse 11, "they" (presumably Simon, James, and John) left everything and followed Jesus.
  - a. How big a step do you think this was for them? What might it have cost them?
  - b. Why did they do it?
  - c. How should we do the same thing?