

Sermon Notes November 1, 2020
“Finding Our Way...Back to God: Do Not Be Afraid ”
Luke 5:1-11

Purpose: God wants to claim us again to rouse us to a higher calling.

Background: In the previous chapters of Luke's account, Jesus had already embarked upon a profoundly popular ministry in Galilee, one characterized by tremendous healing crusades and believing crowds. Yet he was still working alone. Now in chapter 5, Luke begins to develop another aspect of Jesus' message - his desire to put together a team of disciples to work with him.

Simon was struck with a sense of his unworthiness in the face of the miracle. Are there ways in which you feel unworthy of God's love and attention? What reassurance would help?

“Jesus set Simon up for an experience of the presence of God. This experience not only changed his perspective of the way the world worked, this experience changed the perspective of how Simon viewed himself.”

Can you remember an experience of awe, the feeling of being in the presence of something very much greater than yourself, which gave you a feeling of humility?

“For God may be drawing near to offer you/us a connection and a purpose and like Simon rouse you to a higher calling – to cast a net and draw others closer to the Divine – to live as a channel of God's love. Really? Really.”

What would it mean to you to be able to do something for Jesus, to carry out a work for him?

“The best way to attract people to God; the most effective way to draw people to Jesus is to do your best to love them as profoundly as Jesus loves you.”

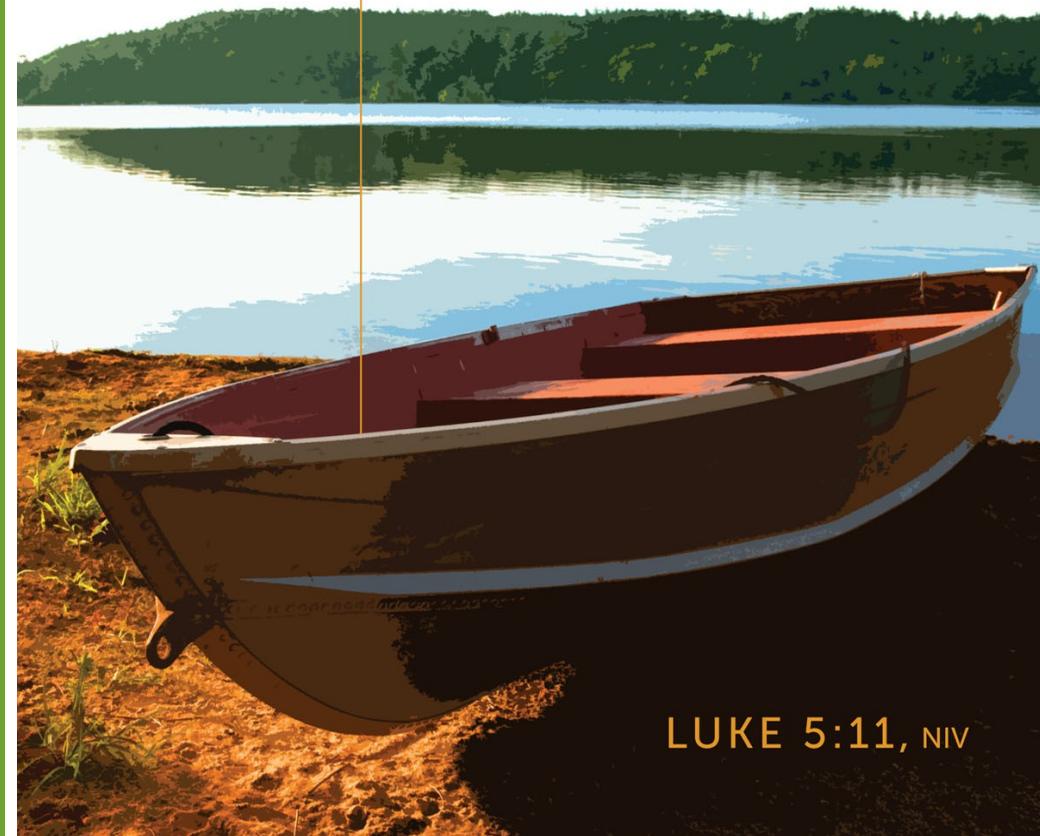
How can we today be fishers of people? How might such a vocation be worked out in your life?

GRANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Gather to Worship - Grow in Faith - Go to Share & Care

Rev. Bruce Hartley

So they pulled their boats up on **shore,** left everything and **followed** him.



LUKE 5:11, NIV

Granger United Methodist Church
Order of Worship: November 1, 2020
All Saints Sunday
(CCLI #20349450)

Music to Center our Hearts recorded by Lynne Rench

Opening Conversation: Rev. Bruce

Pastor's Prayer (unison)

O God of all people, of all times, we are here in your house seeking your presence, in our time of remembrance. We honor those who have finished the race and have received their reward. But at the same time we come here seeking you, O God, who was a constant companion, a source of strength for those we honor. We, too, need your guiding presence as we continue our race. God, we pray that your mighty presence will be felt by all who are gathered here this morning. As we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Amen.

Roll of the Victorious

Ruth Beadnell, Lorraine Boyd, Marge Jagger, Colleen Ramer, Michael Schwin

Prayer Concerns:

Walter & Dorothy Starcher	Sebastian Kunkler	Harold Simmons
Val Ewing	Josh Ewing	Lori Silva
Jeff Parker	Marlene Pfister	Millie Haddix
Paul Starcher	Bernie Arnold	Sharron Kopowski
Ruth Labardee (Mountain)	George Rodgers	David Kennedy

May God rest a healing hand upon those who have been named. Let us join our hearts and voices...

Hymn: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) p. 712, v. 1, 3

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on
the green;
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea,
in the house next door;
They are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

Scripture Focus: Luke 5:1-11

Thoughts Along the Way:

Rev. Bruce Hartley

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Prayer (unison):

Mighty God, could it be there are some here today who have full nets, so full that we must ask others to help us with our full catch? As we bring our gifts and offerings to you today, we ask that they may go to do your work in the church, the community and the world. May we also be filled with your Spirit so that we may become "fishers for people" to all whom we meet. In the name of the Christ who showed us the meaning of faithfulness and taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Remember God's goodness in your giving to Christ's church

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Postlude

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

