



LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

Week 1
Lk. 5:1-11

General:

- Pastor Chip describes what it would be like to be in Simon Peter's shoes. In what ways do you relate to Peter in this story (his reluctance, obedience, awe)?
- What are your first impressions of Simon Peter based on vv 1-11? What do Peter's responses to Jesus tell you about his character? His doubts? His willingness?
- Many of us think that following Jesus repels others, but verse 1 shows how people were drawn to Him. Why do you think people were so drawn to Jesus in this moment?
- Jesus met Simon where he was. How has Jesus "gotten into your boat" lately (meeting you in the middle of your work, stress, or daily routine)?
- What does Peter's response teach you about trusting Jesus, even when logic or experience says otherwise?
- What are the fears, excuses, or distractions that keep you from launching out into the deep with Jesus right now?
- Is there a step of obedience God might be asking of you that feels risky or uncomfortable?

Take Home 1: To launch out into the deep we must come to realize the importance of the Word of God (Lk. 5:1a)

- How seriously do you take the Word of God—not just reading it, but treating it as vital to your life?
- What rhythms or habits do you currently have when it comes to engaging the Bible?
- The enemy's first strategy (as seen in Gen. 3) was to question God's Word. Are there areas in your life where you're currently wrestling with trusting what God says?
- Re-read Mt. 22:29-32. Pastor Chip highlights that Jesus is saying that God is speaking to us through Scripture. How does the idea that God is speaking to you through His Word change the way you read it?
- Pastor Chip presented several quotes from notable pastors/theologians. Which quote resonated with you the most? How did it challenge your perspective on Scripture?

Take Home 2: To launch out into the deep it will become necessary for us to accept divine interruptions (Lk. 5:2)

- Are you open to divine interruptions, or do you find yourself clinging to your own schedule?
- What part of your life are you least willing to have God disrupt?
- Can you think of a time when an interruption actually turned into a blessing or calling?

Take Home 3: To launch out into the deep "our" stuff must be turned over to the Lord for kingdom use (Lk. 5:3)

- Peter's boat was used as a pulpit. What's "your boat" (a resource, skill, or space) that God might want to use for His purposes?
- Do you think of yourself as an owner or a steward of what you have? Why does that matter?
- What is in your net that needs to be cleaned, washed, and mended?