

A person is shown in mid-air, diving headfirst into a body of water. The background is a scenic view of a lake surrounded by mountains and trees. Overlaid on the image is the text 'LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP' in large, bold, yellow letters. The word 'LAUNCH' is at the top, 'OUT INTO' is in the middle, and 'THE DEEP' is at the bottom. The word 'THE' is smaller and positioned between 'OUT INTO' and 'DEEP'. The word 'DEEP' is the largest and most prominent.

LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

Week 2
Lk. 5:4-11

General:

- Can you think of a moment where something shifted and your life never looked the same? What changed, and what led to that moment?
- When was the moment you made a commitment to follow/accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?
- Simon's initial protest in verse 5 is reasonable. (He's tired, experienced, and knows the lake.) Has God ever asked you to do something that didn't make sense? How did you respond?
- What do verses 5-7 reveal about what happens when we trust and obey God, even reluctantly? Has obedience to God ever led to unexpected blessing in your life?
- Instead of being astonished by the catch of the fish, Peter sees Jesus for who He is and falls at his feet (verses 8-9). Have you ever had a moment where you saw past the blessing and were overwhelmed by who God is?
- He's not just after the blessing, but recognizes who He is. "He sees something deeper. There's more happening here than a miracle."
- Jesus takes Peter's fishing profession and reorients it for God's Kingdom. What might God be trying to reorient in your life for Kingdom purposes?
- How will you respond to this message? What step of faith or obedience do you sense God calling you to take?

Take Home 1: To launch out into the deep we must come to the realization that fishing for meaning to our lives without Jesus comes up empty (Lk. 5:5)

- Where do you most often search for meaning, validation, or value?
- Reflect on the quote from John Calvin: “Men tire themselves in pursuit of rest.” In what ways have you experienced this in your own life?
- Pastor Chip states, “We’re all looking for something/someone.” What are you truly seeking in this season of your life?

Take Home 2: To launch out into the deep we must come to realize the correlation of obeying God's Word and the subsequent blessings (Lk. 5:5-6)

- Would you describe yourself as someone who lives obediently to God’s Word? Why or why not?
- What has obedience looked like in your life lately? Has it been easy? Costly? Unclear? Something else?

Take Home 3: To launch out into the deep we come to see that God's Word does not always make sense to us (Lk. 5:5)

- How do you respond when what God asks doesn’t align with your logic, comfort, or timing?
- Re-read Pr. 3:3-8. Which part of this passage challenges you the most right now? (Trusting, not leaning on your own understanding, submitting, or turning from evil, etc?)

Take Home 4: To launch out into the deep we need to see that God wants to use us to bless others (Lk. 5:7)

- Peter had to call for help because the blessing was too big for one boat. How might God be using you to bless others?
- Do you tend to focus more on yourself? Are you a reservoir of God’s blessings or a conduit?
- Who in your life might need your time, encouragement, or generosity right now?

Take Home 5: To launch out into the deep we learn what our true vocation is (Lk. 5:10)

- What do you sense is your real vocation—not just your job, but your calling in God’s Kingdom?
- How does the story of the life-saving station challenge or encourage your view of the Church’s mission?