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# CELL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## 1. Reluctant Obedience Is Better Than Disobedience (Lk 5:4-5)

- Simon Peter had been fishing the whole night and would likely have been tired, hungry and wet. So when Jesus instructs him to let down his nets a second time, Simon Peter would have been boiling with anger because it would have seemed like Jesus was being inconsiderate and totally wasting his time. Despite what he felt at the time, he still obeyed Jesus' command. Because he obeyed, he witnessed a miracle that changed his life.
- What kind of challenges have you faced in obeying God? Have you ever felt like Simon Peter before? Share your story.

## **2. Personal Miracles Bring Conviction and Change In Us (Lk 5:6-10)**

- What was the miracle?
  - time (wrong time for fishing)
  - timing (immediate effect upon letting down the nets)
  - quantity (the nets were full and both boats were sinking)
- There were several reasons why Simon Peter responded the way that he did upon witnessing the miracle:
  - it was part of his personality in terms of dramatic expression
  - he was ashamed of his earlier feelings of scepticism and anger towards Jesus
  - fishing was his life so he knew beyond a doubt this was a miracle which made it extremely personal
- Share a personal miracle you have experienced in the past. How did it impact you? What did it do for your faith?

## **3. Miracles Bring Us To A Place of Total Surrender To God (Luke 5:10-11)**

- In forsaking all to follow Jesus, the disciples gave up their careers and their way of life up to that point. It was a huge decision that affected not only them but their families. But the miracle impacted them so deeply that they were willing to do whatever Jesus required of them. Jesus gave them a new purpose and their lives change direction dramatically because of it.
- Have these lessons been a blessing to you? What was God saying to you on Sunday as you listened to this sermon? What are you going to do about it?
- Pray for each other's needs and believe for personal miracles and breakthrough! Encourage each other to keep walking in obedience to God.