



**Welcome:** What is your favorite 'church friendly' article of clothing and why do you like it so much?

**Worship:** Listen to *With Lifted Hands* by Ryan Stevenson & then open with prayer.

**Word:** Read Luke 5:1-11(NKJV)

- 1) Each of us has paradigms by which we evaluate our lives and the world around us. These paradigms are comprised of the beliefs and standards by which we routinely perform a 'side by side comparison' between our current reality and what we think life "should be like" based on the paradigm. What is an example of a paradigm that you frequently find yourself comparing to your own 'reality'?
- 2) Jesus describes how false religious paradigms can be established when we believe what is "said" by men about scripture without also seeking God directly to reveal/confirm the intent of what was "written." How do personal paradigms impact the way we think about & interpret scripture?
- 3) A new paradigm is available any time Jesus comes on the scene. However, we don't access that new paradigm until we choose to believe what Jesus says over what we 'know' from our life experiences. Describe a time in your life where you had to choose to believe Jesus instead of something you understood to be true based on personal experiences or circumstances.
- 4) What is a practical example of a paradigm shift which has happened as a result of your relationship with Christ? How can this shift or change be used to witness to others about your faith in Christ?

**Witness:** Using your answer from question 4, write out a 2-3 sentence statement sharing how God changed a specific area of your life. Seek God for one person to share this with over the next week as a way of starting a conversation about your faith.