

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. ***Enjoy discovering more about Him!***

"1 WORD 1 TOUCH" | LUKE 5: 1-16 | PASTOR BRIAN BELL

WARM-UP QUESTION:

Would you rather smell like fish or have an uncomfortable skin disease? Why?

"4 Fisherman Caught in Jesus' Net" (Luke 5: 1-11)

Jesus is willing to join fisherman in their work and reveal his love and power through their work. **What does that show about Jesus? What does that mean for people?**

"Lessons Learned" (Luke 5: 1-11)

Jesus tells Simon he will be a fisher of men and asks him to follow, which will take perseverance like fishing. Pastor Brian goes on to show we should share about Jesus with passion and prayer as a community and befriend non-Christians. **What is hard about telling others about Jesus? What are ways to persevere in doing it?**

"Leprosy is More than Skin Deep" (Luke 5: 12-16)

Jesus has compassion and heals a man who falls at his feet, asking to be cured of leprosy. **What are ways to truly humble ourselves as we ask Jesus for help?**

REFLECTION QUESTION:

In both stories, we see men who recognize they are small and Jesus is great at His word and touch, truly humbled at what He can do. Their lives are changed at those moments. **How great has Jesus seemed to you lately? Ask Him to show you the proper perspective of your life and His power.**

1 Word. 1 Touch.

I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. Slide2-5 AL: Prayer. Retreat. Time Change. Preview Nite. *Facility Update*.
- B. Slide6 Pantry: Ty, we were able to provide *500 dozen eggs* to our Murrieta Food Pantry. *We are still accepting donations to cover the final costs, TY for your support*
- C. Slide7a/b Ukraine Aid: Jeff Thompson (MP) and Larry are in Poland providing aid to the Ukrainian refugees. There is an immediate need to to purchase a **van** to transport people out of Ukraine (have 5k need 6k). [use drop down, *MP Ukraine*]
- D. **Prayer:** Our dear friend Zack Zarate, who has been fighting covid since Christmas, went to be with **Jesus** on Tuesday. *Zack has been serving with CalvKids for over 15 years.* He's been a classroom teacher, on the leadership team, a camp counselor, and recently did check-in in the office. He also has been part of the team that goes to **Peru** to minister to the children through our VBS program. *Zack will be missed.*
1. Liz, Grace & Rita, Nick & Zack IV.
- E. Lord, we pray for **Ukraine**.
- F. Lord, we think our friend Luke, for displaying *the full-orbed portrait of your Son*. Teach us the art of *man-fishing*.

II. Slide8 Intro: 1 Word. 1 Touch.

- A. This morning you sit here as either **family/bel.'s** or **friends** of the family.
1. **Family**, Jesus has an *invitation of service* for you.
Friends, I have something for you to *consider* about **Jesus**.

III. Slide9a 4 FISHERMEN CAUGHT IN JESUS' NET (1-11)

- A. (2) 18 of 33 miracles happened around this body of water.
1. **It is** the lowest freshwater body of water on the planet.
 2. *Is it coincidence* He chose the lowest freshwater lake in all the earth.

a) Did He choose it because it was the closest, **or** is it to say something about a God *who often chooses our lowest moments and our weakest places to do **His greatest work***?¹

B. **Slide9b** (3,4) **Simon**, later known as **Peter**.

1. Jesus so changed Simon's **identity** that what people called him **changed**.
2. **Jesus can do that deep-work in your life**, to where *people won't recognize you as the same person anymore*.

a) People that used to call you a **failure** will have to **step back and rethink** how they **assessed you and labeled you** ... when **God** gets a hold of your life.

C. (5) Man, we just got our **nets** *cleaned, mended, & put away to try again tomorrow*.

1. **Slide9c** God can bless obedience *even with a bad attitude*.
2. Peter might have thought, this **Carpenter** can teach me **carpentry**. This **rabbi** can teach me **Bible**. *But how to fish?*
3. Jesus is **not just** the master in the synagogue (ch.4), **but He is the Master in all of life**.

a) Maybe **you** think, **Jesus** you can teach me *how to get to heaven*. **But leave** the fishing to me. **Leave** my school teaching to me. **Leave** my coaching sports to me. **No Jesus** is the Lord of **all creation**.

b) **Slide9d** When you don't understand what God's doing *nevertheless at Your word*.

4. **Reluctant faith** is still **faith**. **At your word I will do it**. Reminding us, **Grace is the means. Faith is the way!**

D. (6) **A boat load of fish** - Wow He is *the Lord of the fish!*

1. Reminding them of about God in Exodus is *the Lord of the frogs, Lord of the gnats, & Lord of the flies* (which sounds a little like a *William Golding Novel*).

E. (7) About now I would be saying, *hey you want to go into partnership in my fishing business?* ha.

¹ Steven Furtick quote.

- F. **Slide9e** (8,9) Notice Peter knew he didn't catch all these fish, **he** didn't catch anything. **This was Jesus' doing!** And Jesus didn't only break nets *but* broke Peter.
1. **He fell down at Jesus's knees** saying, *thank you for all these fish, no!* Instead begged Him, *get away from me, I'm sinful. You're holy, I'm dirty.*
- G. (10) Jesus met Peter on his lake, on his boat. He meets Peter in his vocation. In his own strength. In his own work. (which is where he will meet you)
1. Catching these fish are *emblematic* of what they will do the rest of their lives, *catching men*. And **How** will he catch men (& how will we)?
 2. **Here's the key:** Peter sees himself as **small**, and **Jesus** as **big**.
 - a) **Slide9f** When you are **small** and **Jesus** is **big**, *big things can happen!*
When you are **big** and **Jesus** is **small** ... *not so much!*
 3. Jesus' response is **Great-Grace**. Because what Peter said was true (he is **sinful** and has no right even being on the same boat *with the God of heaven & earth*).
- H. **Slide10a** (11) **They left everything and followed Him** - Wow being **all in** with Jesus, *isn't that what following Him is all about?*
1. **Wait they left everything even** the 2 boatloads of fish? (wise stewardship says sell 1st)
 2. They left what they just had been **blessed with for a greater blessing that Slide10b** was ahead. [do you want the **fish**, or the **favor**? Keep the fish, or flow in the favor of **the One** who told the fish where to swim?]
 - a) **Only what's done for Christ will last.** *C.T.Studd*
 3. Salvation is like us signing on the bottom line **and then** he fills in the rest.
 4. **Slide10c** Like in Martin Luther's great hymn: *Let goods and kindred go. This mortal life also. The body they may kill. God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.* [Mighty Fortress]

IV. **Slide11a LESSONS LEARNED:**

- A. **Are you asking, do it again Lord, do it again?**

- B. G.K. Chesterton, *the prince of paradox* said, “Parts of God’s infinite beauty is manifested in **a little child** - in their immense capacity to exult in the monotonous.”
1. A child finds a game they really enjoy, they say, *Do it again, Do it again!*
 2. Perhaps God is strong enough to be able to exult in monotony?
 3. Is it possible that God says every morning, “do it again, do it again” to the sun and every evening to the moon?
 4. Maybe it’s not *automatic necessity* that makes all Daises alike. It may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never gotten tired of making them.
 5. Repetition in Nature may not be a mere *reoccurrence*, it may be a **theatrical encore!!!**
 6. **A child** can do this. **God** can do this. Can you?
- C. Slide 1b Let’s not leave sharing our faith to the *special forces* Christians.
1. We naturally share about **what we love**. (eg. example food, *Lola’s Birria*). You end of telling everyone about it.
 2. A fisherman catches **fish** and they die. Now he’s going to catch **people** that they might live.
 3. **Sharing your faith is just like fishing ... you don’t always catch fish. But it doesn’t make me want to give up fishing.**
- D. Slide 1c **5 practical things:**
1. **Passion:** what is *not* lacking is: our **training** or our **resources**, it's a heart issue. We **commend** what we cherish. We **talk about** what we love.
 - a) We are not going to say *taste & see the Lord is good* unless we are doing that.
 2. **Prayer:** who's salvation are you praying for ... **by name?**
 3. **Friendship:** befriend those who don't yet **know and love Christ**. Be like Jesus, *a friend of sinners*.
 4. **Community:** Jesus said, *people will know you are my disciples* if you have a Christian bumper sticker? **No**. Or by the way you vote? **No**. **But how you love one another**.

5. **Perseverance**: keep doing these 4. *Keep fishing, even when you don't catch fish.*

E. **Slide11d Jesus wants to get in your boat.**

1. Jesus asks, **Can I use your boat?** If not that's OK, *there's another boat.*
But I'd sure like to get in your boat (vessel). **Can I get a push?**
 Will you go deep? Will you let down your net?

V. **Slide12a LEPROSY IS MORE THAN SKIN DEEP (12-16)** *Seeing Spots...My Spots*

A. **The original and REAL quarantine.** *He breaks the law. He breaks social norms.*

B. Even **priests** couldn't heal leprosy, they only could **detect** the disease & make sure it **didn't spread**. It was thought only **God** could bring healing for this *incurable* disease.

C. **Slide12b** In this man's *advanced stage of Leprosy* Jesus was, *Moved w/compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. I am willing, he said. Be healed!* Mark1:41 *NLT*
 [His Compassion. His Touch. His Word] - *One Word and One Touch!* done

1. **See Jesus' heart:** He shows **compassion** on the vulnerable.
 He **approaches** the unapproachable. He **touches** the untouchables/so tender.
2. **Slide12c Leprosy** known as *the living death*, pictures the **salvation work** of the Lord. [hate the leprosy love the leper]

D. **Adam** himself became a carrier of the disease, **and you** are a carrier too.

1. The leper **could do nothing** for his own **cleansing** and **cure**.
2. **And sin** just like leprosy: spreads, causes uncleanness, and isolates you.
3. **Slide12d What do we do with our sin?** Recognize that you're **full** of leprosy. **Seek Jesus. Humble** ourselves before him. **Earnestly desire to be clean.** **Firmly believe Christ's ability & sufficiency** is to cleanse us.
Firmly believe Lord, if You will, You can!

E. This morning will **you** allow Christ to **touch you the untouchable, to love you the unlovable, to forgive you the unforgivable?** - *One Word and One Touch!* done

1. **Invitation.** Worship team.

F. **Communion:** 7 tables

G. **Keywords:** communion, faith, forgiveness, God, grace, heart, Jesus, salvation, sin.