

8 VERSES

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Luke 5:1-11 (NKJV)

¹So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

²and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. ³Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

⁴When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

⁶And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

¹¹So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Acts 11:25-26

²⁵Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. ²⁶And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. **And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.**

Lois Tverberg - *Listening to the Language of the Bible*

Jesus lived in a deeply religious culture that highly valued biblical understanding. Rabbis were expected not only to have a vast knowledge about the Hebrew Bible, but to show through their exemplary lives how to live by the Scriptures.

[After being selected to follow a rabbi], a disciple's goal was to gain the rabbi's knowledge and to become like him in character... When the disciple became mature, he would take his rabbi's teaching to the community, add his own understanding, and raise up disciples of his own.

Disciple of Christ should

- learn from Christ
- become like Christ in character.

As mature disciples of Christ, we should

- take Jesus' teachings to the community
- add our own understanding
- raise up disciples of our own.

Luke 5:2-3

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Disciples of Christ should value hearing the word of God inside and outside of the church walls.

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Disciples of Christ should desire to hear the word of God more than they desire to see miracles, signs, and wonders.

Luke 5:4-5

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Disciples of Christ should be hearers and doers of God's word.

Luke 5:6-10

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Disciples of Christ should desire God's spirit more than material things.

Disciples of Christ are qualified by Christ's invitation, not by their own sense of validation.

Luke 5:11

¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Disciples of Christ must forsake their old ways to follow Jesus.

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