

"Next Steps"  
Luke 5:1-11

Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and ***listening to the word of God***, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; 2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. 3 And He got into one of the boats, which was ***Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land.*** And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat. 4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "***Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.***" 5 Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, ***nevertheless at your word I will let down the nets.***" 6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; 7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And ***they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.*** 8 But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "***Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!***" 9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men." 11 ***When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.***

Last Week's Three Big Discoveries about every follower of Jesus:

- ✓ Each person that followed Jesus was a sinner.
  - ✓ Each person that followed Jesus was an unbeliever.
  - ✓ Each person that followed Jesus was a non-conformer.
1. Simon's next step was listening to Jesus teaching. (v.1)

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Jesus saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

And Jesus got into one of the boats, which was ***Simon's***,

Jesus asked him to ***put out a little way from the land.***

2. Simon's next step was launching out in Jesus timing. (v.4)

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "***Launch out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.***"

Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, ***nevertheless at your word I will let down the nets.***"

When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And ***they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.***

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3. Simon's next step was to ***learning*** more of Jesus ***truth***. (v.10a

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"from now on ***you will be catching men.***"

they ***left*** everything and ***followed*** Him.

