

# LUKE 5:1-11

1. Begin your reading time with a short prayer (an example):
  - a. Dear Jesus, please help us to hear your Word and know you better. Guide our conversation and help us to grow to love and know you better. Amen.
2. Read the Passage together (aloud) once. And then take time to look at it a second time.
3. What stands out to you? Is there a word, phrase... etc. Discuss the words that stand out for both of you. This is a great place to wonder and contemplate what Jesus is saying or doing.
4. Where were the fishermen when Jesus approached them and asked them to get into the boat? (check out verse 2)
5. Why did Jesus seek to get into their boats? Why do you think so many people want to hear what He has to say?
6. Do you ever feel like Jesus got in your boat without you? What might that mean? (think: what could the boat be a symbol of)
7. How would you describe Simon Peter's reaction to Jesus and His requests? Explain why you think so?
8. What do you think the deep water could symbolize? What about the net? Fish?
9. What happens when Simon Peter listens to Jesus and puts his nets out into the deep water?
10. Does anything surprise you about Simon Peter's reaction to this miracle? Why or why not?
11. What is Jesus' response to Simon Peter?
12. How did the fishermen respond to Jesus' invitation?
13. Do you see Jesus' invitation to follow Him as something worth leaving everything behind to follow? Why or why not?
14. Take a moment to look up the following Saints. Focus on how they died...
15. Ss. Felicity and Perpetua (these two are almost always found together)
  - a. St. Tarcisus
  - b. St. Paul Miki and Companions
  - c. St. Charles Lwanga
16. What do they have in common? What about faith in Jesus gave them the courage to face all they faced?
17. How do these saints challenge the way you view faith?
18. How can you follow Jesus this week (be specific)?
19. Conclude with a short prayer...

