

# PEOPLE FISHING

LUKE 5:1-11

*“God gave us resources, so he would have someone to take care of it while He doesn’t need it, but who will give it back to him the second he needs it.”*

1. Don’t close your \_\_\_\_\_ around God’s gifts.  
*(knowing and living this out will help you serve each other and give glory to God.)*

**1 Peter 4:10–11** [10] As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: [11] whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus.

GO DEEPER: Is the concept of “stewardship” new to you? Do you see yourself as a steward of your resources? Or are you more of an owner? What is the most difficult to let go of? (Time? Money? Stuff?)

2. Do not stay in your \_\_\_\_\_ for long.

[5] And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! **But at your word** I will let down the nets.”

Go Deeper: What are some of your favorite excuses for “reluctant obedience? Why is it so hard for us to say, “At Your Word, I will...”? What cultural pressures do you face that inhibit the Word of God from being the ultimate authority in your life?



3. Self-awareness can be \_\_\_\_\_...

**Isaiah 6:5** And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” (ESV)

4. ...but on the other side is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 9:23–24** [23] And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. [24] **For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.**

### Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Discipleship

“We must take a definite step. Christ must first call him, for the step can only be taken at his word. This call is his grace, which calls him out of death into the new life of obedience. But when once Christ has called him, Peter has no alternative, he must leave the ship and come to him. In the end, the first step of obedience proves to be an act of Faith in the word of Christ. But we should completely misunderstand the nature of Grace if we were to suppose that there was no need to take the first step, because Faith was already there. Against that we must boldly assert that the step of obedience must be taken before faith can be possible. Unless he obeys, a man cannot believe.”

GO DEEPER: On a scale of 1-10 how self-aware are you? Would your spouse agree? What can we do to increase self-awareness? Besides coming to church or attending a Bible study, how are you following the call to “follow Jesus” in your life? What is this costing you? Do you agree or disagree with Bonhoeffer’s last sentence above?

### BENEDICTION

**1 Peter 1:13–16** [13] Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [14] As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, [15] but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, [16] since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

**2 Peter 1:3–5** [3] His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, [4] by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.