

## DEFINING MOMENTS: Choose Full-time Ministry

LUKE 5:1-11

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### Choosing Full-time Ministry is the Catch Life of a Lifetime!

1. Walk Out from the Uncommitted \_\_\_\_\_ (1-3).

2. Welcome the Uncomfortable \_\_\_\_\_ (2, 4-7, 9-10).

3. Worship with Undistracted \_\_\_\_\_ (8-11).

### **Luke 5:1–11** (ESV)

*On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.*

*<sup>4</sup>And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."*

*<sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup>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.*

*<sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup>And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

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### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Should every Christian see their purpose as proclaiming the gospel? What would you say to someone who said that evangelism is not their spiritual gift? How about the person who says they are not equipped? (Visit: <https://www.centralchurch.com>).
2. What are some decisions that could tempt you to squander your life? What are the distractions and life-wasters you will have to combat this week?
3. Do you remember the feelings of unworthiness you felt when you first became a Christian? What did it feel like when you committed your whole life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ? Why is the sense of feeling captivated by God's holiness and our unworthiness so important to fuel our life's purpose?

#### **Quote for the Week. . .**

**by Mark Dever**



*"The Christian call to evangelism is a call not simply to persuade people to make decisions but rather to proclaim to them the Good News of salvation in Christ, to call them to repentance, and to give God the glory for regeneration and conversion. We don't fail in our evangelism if we faithfully present the Gospel and yet the person is not converted; we fail only if we don't faithfully present the Gospel at all."*