

STORIES WORTH SHARING, part 2
LUKE 5:1-11
NOTES FOR THE BULLETIN AND SLIDES

SERIES GRAPHIC

We are not called to be observers of a story, but a people who live in the story.

Ephesians 1:11-12

*“In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the **plan** of him who works out everything in conformity with the **purpose** of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, **might be for the praise of his glory.**”*

God is inviting us, right now, in this room, to be in His story. So the question is, Will you accept the invitation?

MAIN IDEA: Jesus believes in you and has a place for you, right now, in His story in Dalton, Ga.

Do you believe that is true and do you expect Him to use you?

Questions to wrestle with.

- 1) Is my heart ready and willing to TRUST Jesus when He shows up in my life in unexpected ways, places, and times? (v. 4-5)

LUKE 5:4-5

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”“ 5 Master,” Simon replied, “we’ve worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I’ll let down the nets.”

(PICTURE OF GEORGE COSTANZA ON SCREEN)

“Do you trust me? Will you listen to me?”

Bottom Line - Jesus can show up and speak anywhere, anyway, at any time and He does that to reveal more of Himself to you and bring you deeper into His story.

Do we TRUST, that even in the unexpected, His way is the right way.

2) Is my heart ready to let go of the things that I believe disqualify me from being used by Him? (v 6-8)

LUKE 5:6-8

*“When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’s knees and said, “**Go away from me, because I’m a sinful man, Lord!**”*

What we can learn from Peter.

1) When we see the reality of who Jesus actually is, it should cause us to respond in repentance.

Romans 5:12

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this

way death spread to **all people**, because **all sinned.**"

2) When we hear the words of Jesus it should lead us out of shame and guilt and into freedom.

Romans 5:20-21

*"But where sin multiplied, **grace multiplied even more** so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also **grace will reign** through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

LUKE 5:10

..."Don't be afraid," Jesus told Simon" ...

"Do not be afraid" - That is grace.

3) Will I accept the invitation from Jesus to make disciples? (v.10-11) (Matthew 4:19)

LUKE 5:10-11

"From now on you will be catching people." 11 Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed him.

MATTHEW 4:19

"Follow me," he told them, "and I will make you fish for people."

“Follow me,” Cling to me, Believe in me. Trust me.

Where do you desire to get your value in life?

Your Value = what you do + what people think about you

Your Value = What God says is true about you

What will come after your “From now on?”