JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Luke 5:1–11

Key Verse: 5:10b

1. How does the author describe Jesus’ initial situation (1)? What does he see (2)? How does he involve Simon, and what can we learn from this? (3)
2. When he finishes speaking, what does Jesus say to Simon? (4) In what sense is this a test? How does Simon respond, why, and what can we learn from him here? (5)
3. What details can you find that show that this is a miracle? (6,7) Why do you think Jesus does this for these men?
4. How does Simon respond to this miracle? (8) What is unusual about what he is saying? How does he exemplify the qualities of a disciple? How do the others respond? (9,10a)
5. Read verse 10b. What do Jesus’ words “Do not be afraid” mean? What is his promise? How would Simon’s life as a fisherman contrast with his life as a follower of Jesus? What does it mean to be “catching men”? (cf. Josh2:13; Php3:12)
6. How do these men respond? (11) Why is this surprising, and how could they do this? What message does this have for us?