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## The Gospel of Luke

### Week 4 Discussion Questions

Week of 9/18/22

**Text:** Luke 5:1-11, 27-32, and 6:12-13

**Icebreaker:** What is the most important mission or call to action that you've been a part of? Was/Is it something you did alone or as part of a larger team? (Or, maybe you feel like this is lacking in your life? If so, feel free to admit that.)

**1.** Using verses 1-4, imagine being in Peter's position—you're tired and maybe frustrated by an unproductive effort at the very thing you're supposedly an expert at and rely on for income. How would you summarize or describe Peter's response to Jesus in verse 5?

**2.** Verses 6-10 describe the miraculous catch and response! In verse 8, what is he realizing about Jesus and himself?

*Application:* Have you ever had this kind of "awakening" to who Jesus is and who you are in comparison to him? If so, share what happened.

**3.** Reading these first 11 verses, what was the purpose of the miracle? In other words, what mission is inspiring the miracle Jesus performs?

*Application:* Do you think this same mission applies to us today as well? Why?

**4.** Verses 27-29 describe Levi's response to Jesus. What action does Levi take that reflects Jesus's mission?

*Application:* Who are the "tax collectors and sinners" of our day? How do we associate with, and even welcome, similar kinds of people?

**5.** Consider Jesus's reply to the religious authorities in verses 30-32. What do you see in these verses that reveals the heart and mission of Jesus?

*Application:* What do you think it looks like for us to engage in this same kind of ministry?

**6.** In 6:12-16, what does Jesus do to prepare for the calling of his twelve disciples? Why do you think Jesus did this?

*Application:* If prayer was this important for Jesus, what should that tell us about its importance for our lives? How would you describe the role of prayer in your life?

**Week 4 Final Thought:**

Fishermen, a tax collector, and other unlikely figures were handpicked as Jesus's closest disciples to carry out God's mission. We can be encouraged in our own feelings of inadequacy. As commentator Darrell Bock writes, "Though these disciples come from various backgrounds, they all have one thing in common: They do not come because they deserve God's gift; they come because they know that they need his grace."