

“They Left Everything and Followed Him” (Part 1)
Luke 5:1-11,27-28

*“There is a common, worldly kind of Christianity in this day, which many have, and think they have enough—a cheap Christianity which offends nobody, and requires no sacrifice—which costs nothing, and **is worth nothing.**” — (J.C. Ryle)*

- An Overview of the Text:
 - The Lake of Gennesaret (the Sea of Galilee or Tiberius) was 13 miles wide and 7 miles long. Galilee was a heavily populated area during this time period and had a population of approximately 3 million people.
 - Cleaning and washing their nets would have been the last task before finishing the night shift of fishing. Effective fishing in the Sea of Galilee would have been done in the **shallows** and at **night**.
 - The size of this catch of fish would have been astronomical **in sight** and **in value**, namely, they would have never seen anything like this before.

- We need to HEAR the Word of God (Luke 4:43; 5:1-3).
 - *“But He answered, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” (Matthew 4:4)*
 - *“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)*
 - *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

- We need to OBEY the Word of God (Luke 5:4-9).
 - The Command: “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”
 - The Response: “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets.”
 - The Result: “And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.”

- We need to FORSAKE the world (Luke 5:10-11).
 - *“From now on you will be catching men.”*
 - Romans 10:13-17
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
 - *“They left everything and followed Him.”*
 - *“And leaving everything, he rose and followed Him.”*
 - Luke 9:23-24
 - Luke 14:25-27,33
 - Luke 18:22-25,28-30
 - Matthew 10:37-39

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, January 28th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy lunch and the fellowship with us!

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the board in the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats. ***NEXT Sunday is the last Sunday we are collecting donations for Heartbeats.***

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** NEXT Sunday, January 28th, we will be having our first Church Night of Prayer from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.