

• LESSON 6 (February 7) •  
**Luke 5 • Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

1. Luke 5:1-11 documents an incredible miracle of Jesus performed on “the lake of Gennesaret” (also known as the Sea of Galilee). Why did Simon Peter, as an eyewitness to the miracle, fall at Jesus’ knees and say, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord” (5:8)?
2. What did Jesus mean when he told Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men” (5:10)?
3. Luke 5:12-16 documents the healing of a man who was full of leprosy. Why was it so incredible that Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched” that man (5:13)? And why would Jesus charge the man “to tell no one”?
4. “But [Jesus] would withdraw to desolate places and pray” (5:16). Is there anything we can learn from that simple statement as modern disciples of Jesus?
5. “Pharisees and teachers of the law” were sitting and listening to Jesus teach in Luke 5:17. Who were these Pharisees and teachers of the law?
6. “Man, your sins are forgiven you” (5:20). Why was this an absolutely incredible statement?
7. Think about what we have already learned of Jesus from Luke’s orderly account—the circumstances of his conception and birth, his temptations, his claim in the Nazareth synagogue, and the miracles. What else does Luke reveal about Jesus in 5:22? Why does this *still* matter?
8. What was the real lesson to be learned from Jesus’ healing of the paralytic in 5:17-26?
9. Why would what Luke documents in 5:27-32 have been so scandalous in the eyes of many? And what does Jesus mean in 5:32?
10. What can we learn from the question of the disciples of John in 5:33 and Jesus’ response in 5:34-39? What is the point Jesus wants his disciples to understand?