

Into the Deep



Luke 5:1–10 · This week: The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me, Matthew 4; Luke 4–5

In the manual: **Come, Follow Me lesson 05, “The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me,” on Gospel Library**

START

Simon Peter and his partners had fished all night and caught nothing. Then Jesus told them to go back out and try again (Luke 5:4–5).

READ TOGETHER

Crowds pressed around Jesus beside the Sea of Galilee, which Luke calls the lake of Gennesaret. He got into Simon’s boat and taught the people from it (Luke 5:1–3).

LUKE 5:4–8

⁴Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. ⁵And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. ⁶And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. ⁷And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

WHAT IT TEACHES

Simon was the experienced fisherman, and Jesus had grown up in a carpenter’s home. Simon said, “Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net” (Luke 5:5).

The catch was so large that the net broke and two boats began to sink (Luke 5:6–7). The Lord’s direction can look strange at first, and it leads to more than we could manage alone.

Simon fell at Jesus’s knees and said, “Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord” (Luke 5:8). Jesus answered with comfort and a calling. “Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men” (Luke 5:10).

President Ezra Taft Benson described what happens when we trust the Lord this way. *“Men and women who turn their lives over to God will discover that He can make a lot more out of their lives than they can.”*

President Ezra Taft Benson, “The Great Commandment: Love the Lord,” Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Ezra Taft Benson (2014), chapter 1

TALK ABOUT IT

Simon let down the net when it made no sense to him. When has following the Lord’s direction worked out better than you expected?

TAKE TO CHURCH

Simon Peter fished all night and caught nothing, then let down the net at the Savior’s word. The Lord can make far more of our lives than we can.