

## Luke 5:1-11, "Catch of a Lifetime"

### Recognize—narrative

#### Examine

Some words to notice

"pressing around"

"began to break"

"Simon"

"sink"

"caught nothing"

"amazement. . . seized"

Some surprising statements

"Put out into the deep"

"You will be catching men."

"Go away from me!"

Get into the scene mentally.

- ✓ Describe the scene in which Jesus was teaching.
- ✓ What did Luke reveal about the content of Jesus' teaching?
- ✓ How long had Simon and Company known Jesus? What did Simon know about Jesus?
- ✓ Why did Simon tell Jesus that he had worked all night but caught nothing? What does that suggest about Simon's attitude?

#### Analyze

- Why did the miraculous catch of fish prompt Simon to ask Jesus to go away and confess his sinfulness?
  - ✓ What did Simon learn about Jesus between Jesus' command to put out into deep water and Simon seeing the miraculous catch of fish?
  - ✓ What were some implications of that knowledge for Simon?
  - ✓ What was Jesus' response to Simon's plea to go away from him? Let the implications of that sink in.
- Is it likely that Simon, John and James knew what Jesus meant by "you will be catching men?" What might have compelled them to follow?
- Having left everything to follow Jesus, what would the men not be doing? What had Jesus done about that?

#### Decide

- ✓ Would you would have asked Jesus to leave you as Simon did, once you realized what He knew? Why or why not?
- ✓ How does Jesus' response to Simon's plea encourage you in your journey with Jesus?
- ✓ Are you hesitant to follow Jesus into significant ministry because of needs that might not be met? What insight about Jesus from this passage can free you from holding back?