

WEEK 6:

REASONS YOU MIGHT GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 5:1-11 and 5:27-32

RELATED SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 10:34-39,
Acts 4:13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

“Are you willing to say, ‘Lord Jesus, I am not worthy. You don’t owe me a good life. You don’t. You owe me nothing but wrath.’ The minute that happens, He rushes in to eat with you. If you say, ‘You owe me a good life,’ ... the minute that happens, He says, ‘I have not come for you.’ Wow! That’s Christianity. That’s the gospel. That’s simple. That’s profound.”

– Tim Keller

PERSONAL STUDY:

Throughout your life, have you mostly been picked first, last or in the middle? Do you tend to self-identity positively as being smart, accomplished and successful or do you think of yourself as unintelligent, struggling and/or more of a failure?

Read Luke 5:1-5. What would you guess Peter is feeling and thinking when Jesus tells him to put the nets back out? What do you think when a non-expert gives you advice on how to do something but you are actually more informed on that topic?

Read Luke 5:6-9. When in your life have you seen God overwhelm you with grace and undeserved blessing? What stands out to you about Peter’s response?

Read Luke 5:10-11. In v. 10, what does Jesus mean when he tells Peter, Andrew, James and John, “from now on you will be catching men”? Why does Jesus consistently use concrete analogies and images from people’s everyday life?

Read Luke 5:27-32. How does Jesus leverage Levi’s relationships for the kingdom? Why does Jesus feel no shame about hanging out with “sinners and tax collectors”?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. How does this passage relate to the idea of tearing up our spiritual resumes that we talked about last week?

SERMON NOTES:



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

Read Luke 5:1-11, 27-32 and Acts 4:13. What insight do you get from Jesus calling a variety of people to be His disciples, including uneducated, blue-collar folk?



In both of these passages in Luke 5, Jesus calls His disciples to put everything in the backseat compared to following Him; including family and career. What factors made this calling so difficult?

Do family and career tempt you to ignore, minimize or domesticate Jesus' calling on your life? How so?



How does Jesus in the gospel fully provide for us everything that we think we need family and career to provide?

Read Luke 5:27-32. What posture does Jesus take towards Levi's sinful friends? Why doesn't he warn Levi to stop hanging out with his old friends so he won't fall back into sin?



Who are people Jesus has put in your life that your LifeGroup can pray for and seek to love and serve (by throwing parties to help invite them in and/or any other means)?