



Jesus Among Us

When Jesus Steps Into Your Boat

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Leader's Guide Text: Luke 5:1-11

Main Passage

- **Luke 5:1–11**
- Parallel reflection: **Isaiah 6:1–8**

Key Theme:

When Jesus steps into someone's boat, four things happen:

1. We see who Jesus really is.
2. We see who we really are.
3. We discover the grace we desperately need.
4. We discover the purpose we were created for.

Context for Leaders

Jesus had already demonstrated His authority over demons and sickness. In this passage, He reveals His authority over creation and over human lives. The miracle of the fish is not the ultimate point—the transformation of Peter is. Peter moves from fisherman to disciple, from self-reliance to surrender, from catching fish to catching people.

This passage shows the **pattern of true conversion and discipleship**:

- Revelation of Christ
- Conviction of sin
- Grace and forgiveness
- Commission and mission

Isaiah 6 mirrors the same progression: Isaiah sees the Lord, recognizes his sin, receives cleansing, and is then sent.

Key Insights to Emphasize

1. Seeing Jesus clearly changes everything.

The miracle revealed Jesus' divine authority. When we truly understand who Jesus is, our priorities and responses shift.

2. Encountering Jesus exposes our true condition.

Peter didn't celebrate the miracle—he confessed his sin. Real encounters with Christ produce humility, not pride.

3. Grace interrupts fear and guilt.

Jesus didn't push Peter away; He reassured him. The gospel is not that Jesus ignores sin but that He provides the grace needed to overcome it.

4. Grace leads to purpose.

Jesus calls Peter into a mission bigger than fishing. Likewise, every believer is called into God's mission to reach others.

Leader Tips for Discussion

- Encourage participants to **share personal experiences**, not just theological ideas.
- Allow moments of silence for reflection when discussing conviction and grace.
- Keep the discussion focused on **how the passage applies to daily life**, not just on the miracle itself.
- If the group struggles to answer, redirect to practical examples: workplace, family interactions, or conversations about faith.

Possible Closing Prayer Focus

- Thank God for revealing Jesus to us.
- Confess areas where we resist seeing ourselves honestly.
- Celebrate the grace we have received in Christ.
- Ask God to show each person how their life can be used for His mission.