



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of September 26, 2021*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Luke 5:1-11

***[1] On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, [2] and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. [3] Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. [4] And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." [5] And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." [6] And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. [7] They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [9] For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, [10] and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." [11] And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.***

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiKaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

In our passage this week, Jesus continues to show His power and authority over all creation, including the fish of the sea. However, in spite of His miraculous power, the preaching of the coming kingdom is the main priority of Jesus' ministry. Preaching always supersedes miracles because our brokenness from sin is a far greater problem than our temporal physical illness and oppression. As Jesus calls His first disciples to follow Him, He

gives them a glimpse of His power and holiness, which causes Peter to fall down before Jesus as he sees his own wretchedness and sin. But Jesus' response to Peter is, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." At this, the disciples leave everything and follow Jesus.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is preaching the word of God more important than miraculous works of healing? Why do you think most people want miracles rather than the Word?
2. Jesus has authority over all areas of life, over illness, demons, even over the fish in the sea. What area in our lives do we try to hold back from Jesus' authority?
3. When Peter recognized the awesome holiness of Jesus, he fell down at His feet and begged Jesus to depart from him for he recognized how sinful he was. How do you respond to Jesus' holiness? What does your response reveal about how well you know Jesus?
4. Though we are sinners before a just and righteous God, do we still need to be afraid of coming into the presence of holiness? (Heb 4:16) If not, what does it mean to have a healthy fear of God? (Heb 12:28-29)
5. Jesus called the sinful broken Peter to drop everything and follow Him. Why do you think Jesus wants to use broken people? Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. How are you "foolish", "weak", "low", and "despised"? As you follow Christ, how ought you to view your God-given talents and abilities?