

# Peter & a Disciple's Conviction (4/7/24)

**Main Verses:** Luke 5:1-11

**Key Verse:** Luke 5:8

**'Takeaway':** When Peter truly sees Jesus for who he is, he truly sees himself & who he should be, but isn't.



**Getting Started:** Did you ever realize that you're not as good as you **thought**?

**READ** Luke 5:1-11 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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- Jesus tells them to drop their nets.
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- When they dropped the nets they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink. Simon (Peter) realizes Jesus is Lord of the sea & all that is in it; he also realizes how small & unworthy he is. Peter sees himself as he **really** is (sinful) & he sees Jesus as the Holy One.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him that when we see ourselves as we really are (sinful people), we can know that he is the Holy One who has made a way (thru faith in Jesus) for us to know God, love him, & serve him as part of his amazing mission. Ask God to help you grow in your knowledge of, & love for, him each day.

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**Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.

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