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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
ACCELERATE :Beyond The Starting Blocks Of Faith
Episode 2: BEING A DISCIPLE
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Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Who is a disciple? A disciple is one who **responds** in faith and obedience to the gracious call to follow Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of "dying to self" while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive within us.

- It is a discipleship imperative that you not be the only person who knows that you are a disciple of Christ.

Key Idea: You are the only bible some people will ever read.

- **2 Cor 3:2-3** *You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. ³And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

Key Question: Are you a disciple of Jesus?

- Discipleship has a "following" component.
 - **Vs. 11** *So they pulled their boats up on shore, left **everything**, and followed Him.*

Discipleship Truths

1. Discipleship is not comfortable.
2. Discipleship leads to exponential living.
3. Discipleship exposes sin and offers freedom.

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- Jesus invades Peter’s space.
- Jesus invites Peter into deep water.
 - Are you tired of living in the shallows?

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- Blessing corresponds to obedience.

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Food For The Journey: Use these questions and challenges to go deeper in your own personal walk or in one of our LJCF community groups.

1. Discipleship requires dying to self. Why do you think this element of death is important in searching for abundant life?
2. Pastor Adam said that “You are the only bible some people will ever read.” What do you think he meant by this?
3. Have you ever felt God call you into deeper water? What was the result?
4. Vs. 6 shows an exponential blessing that came due to obedience. Do you believe that this cause and effect is true for today’s disciples and if so can you give an example?
5. Does anyone else know that you are a disciple of Jesus and if so, how?