

Day 4: Grace that Reassures and Redirects

Read and Reflect: Luke 5:9-10

Though Peter confesses his unworthiness, Jesus doesn't send him away. Instead, He says, "Do not be afraid." These are words of grace. Peter deserves separation, but Jesus gives reassurance. Peter expects distance, but Jesus draws near. Christ does not merely expose sinners; He rescues them. And just as Jesus saves, so does He send. God's grace, then, doesn't only pardon, it repurposes our life.

How has Christ's grace begun to redefine and redirect my life, priorities, gifts, or ambitions?

Day 5: Admiration or Allegiance?

Read and Reflect: Luke 5:11

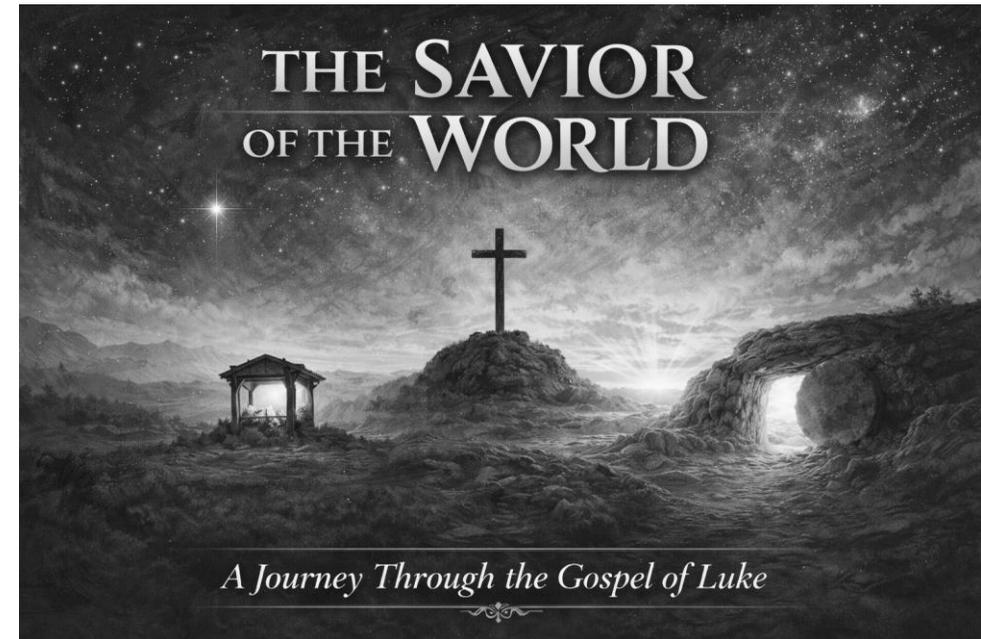
"They left everything and followed him." They didn't act carelessly, but with commitment. While fishing was what used to shape their identity, activity, and security, now their lives centered on Jesus. This is a picture of what true discipleship looks like. We don't add Jesus to our life—He becomes our life. The right response to the Lordship of Jesus is allegiance.

Am I merely admiring Jesus, or is my life really aligned with and ordered after following Christ alone?

An Encouragement to Revisit through the Week

The same Jesus who stepped into Simon's boat still steps into ordinary lives. He still speaks His Word. He still exposes sin. He still gives grace. He still calls people to follow Him.

So this week, ask the Lord for grace: to see Christ clearly, to trust Christ fully, and to follow Christ faithfully.



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THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD:
From Fearful to Follower
Luke 5:1-11

SERMON NOTES

A Hunger to Hear God's Word (v. 1-3)

The crowd's hunger to hear Jesus reveals the deep longing of the human heart. What unfolds here demonstrates how Jesus often begins His work in us amid the grind of life.

Christ always meets people in real life and draws them through His Word.

Simon's Reluctant Obedience (v. 4-5)

Jesus tells Simon where to go and what to do, even as Simon is weary and unconvinced. Yet, Simon reluctantly obeyed.

Faith often begins not with full understanding, but with obedient trust.

The Miraculous Catch (v. 6-7)

Jesus reveals His authority over creation. The massive catch exposes: the vulnerability of human effort, the limits of self-reliance, and the need for help beyond ourselves.

Christ's power exposes both our weakness and His sufficiency.

Simon's Repentant Response (v. 8)

Simon saw, fell, and confessed. Jesus' holiness exposed Simon's sin..

A true encounter with Christ does not merely impress us; it humbles us.

Collective Astonishment (v. 9-10a)

Everyone is awed by Jesus' power and drawn to Jesus' person. But, amazement at Jesus is not yet the same as surrender to Jesus.

A Divine Recommissioning (v. 10b)

"Do not be afraid!" – God's grace answers our cry and redirects our calling.

A Transfer of Allegiance (v. 11)

Jesus is not asking for room in our lives; He is claiming the throne of our lives. True faith does not add Jesus to life; it rearranges life around Him.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: The God Who Draws Near

Read and Reflect: Luke 5:1-3

This passage begins by describing the curiosity, need, and hunger of the crowds, but Luke shifts our attention specifically to Simon, who is simply going about his ordinary daily work. That's often how God's grace works: God meets us in the midst of fatigue, frustration, disappointment, and routine.

Where have I been tempted to think that God only works in dramatic moments? How might God be working amid the ordinary situations and circumstances of your life?

Day 2: Trusting Christ's Word

Read and Reflect: Luke 5:4-5

Jesus' two instructions challenge the experience and expertise of Simon as a seasoned fisherman. And Simon honestly expresses the tension between frustration and faith that we sometimes feel with Jesus, too. Yet we must remember that faith does not always begin with clarity about circumstances, but confidence in Christ.

Where is Jesus calling me to trust Him even though I do not yet understand His purpose?

Day 3: When Holiness Exposes Sin

Read and Reflect: Luke 5:6-8

The great catch of fish not only begins to break Simon's nets, but it also begins to break his heart before Jesus. Simon suddenly understands that he is not merely standing before an extraordinary teacher; He is in the presence of a holy God! And when holiness is seen, sin is no longer minimized, excused, or hidden—it is confessed!

Have I been treating my sin lightly instead of seeing it honestly in the light of Christ's holiness?