

I. Sign, Fear, Comfort, Promise

- A. Setting
- B. Simon Peter & Associates
- C. The Miracle
- D. Peter's Reaction – "Depart from me!"
- E. Comfort and Promise – "Do not be afraid: from now on you will catch men."
- F. Luke 5:1-11 & Isaiah 6:1-10

II. Sign & Promise

- A. Sign confirms promise
- B. Promise explains sign:
 - i. Without this sign, how much would the promise mean?
 - ii. Other signs that explain this promise (Luke 10:2; 8:4-15)
- C. An overwhelming catch
- D. A transforming vision
- E. Is this promise for all Christians?

III. What if we don't catch many fish?

- A. Maybe God has put us in a lean time or place.
- B. Probably not. Time to examine factors within our control:
 - i. where we are (literally and figuratively)
 - ii. whether we are letting down our nets
- C. A terrifying commission: Isaiah saw what we don't
- D. Are you alone?
 - i. Paul (Ephesians 6:19-20)
 - ii. Timothy (2 Timothy 4:5)
 - iii. your pastor

IV. Where is Jesus telling you to fish?

- A. Three means of discernment: Opportunities, Gifts, Desires
- B. Who has the Spirit spoken to you about? (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
- C. Make a plan.
- D. Note: also something *we* do as a church
- E. Speaking to the people around us about our faith is simple obedience to the word of Christ.

V. What must come first: transforming love

- A. Jesus can catch us because the waters of God's wrath overwhelmed Him
- B. Jesus can seek the lost sheep because He was the lamb that was slain
- C. Jesus can love unclean people because He offered Himself for their cleansing
- D. Isaiah and the cleansing sacrifice