



LUKE 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,^[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.³ He 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.⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.⁷ So 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.⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,¹⁰ and 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."¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. (NIV)

FOLLOWING JESUS

- Being a sinner doesn't disqualify you from following Jesus. It's a requirement!
- Being a nonbeliever doesn't disqualify you from following Jesus
- Jesus' invitation to follow was and is an invitation to a relationship
- Question: Am I _____?

STAGES OF FOLLOWING

1. _____

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2. _____

*He 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. Luke 5:3 (NIV)*

3. _____

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4. _____

...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. Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)

THE BOTTOM LINE QUESTION

What is my _____? Take it!

When you say, "_____" to Jesus, He takes responsibility for the outcome of the journey