



PRAYER: Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer.

Leaders, it's your call; you may choose to incorporate more information/scriptures as time allows for your small group lesson. **Reflecting:** Pastor John is teaching on the 3D challenge... the strategy we are implementing at Central Community to accomplish the mission God has called us to which is "changing lives... turning uncommitted people into fully devoted followers of Christ." Leaders, you may want to reflect and reiterate from Sunday's message including "What difference are you making with your life?" This week Pastor John is teaching on the 3rd D in the 3D challenge which is Deploy. If you were unable to hear the message first hand, please go online to listen to it first at www.centralcommunity.org.

OPENER: What is the biggest fish you've ever caught?

What is the best thing that happened to you this past week?

Read: Luke 5:1-11

DISCUSS: What do you think Simon Peter was thinking and feeling in verse 5? 7? 8?

If you had been Simon Peter when Jesus said, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch," what would you have done? (Wondered who this guy was; suggested another time when the fish were biting; politely told Jesus to stick to his preaching; grudgingly did what he asked; happily did what Jesus asked)

How did this miracle affect Peter?

Why did Peter say, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man?" (Jesus' power frightened him; He felt unworthy to be around Jesus; He was afraid of what Jesus might ask him to do)

What is he beginning to grasp about Jesus? About sin? About belief in himself?

PLAN for ACTION:

Of the decisions Peter and his friends made, which do you have the hardest time making? (Who to serve or follow; where to live and work; what my mission and role is; when to begin something new)

When was the first time you felt the tug of Jesus on your heart?

How does the call to leave your nets behind and follow Jesus (to deploy) sound to you? (radical; exciting; fulfilling; scary; crazy, other?)

How would you characterize your willingness to be a “deployed” fully devoted follower?

What would it mean for you to be “deployed” for Jesus?

How can this group pray for you this week?

To view the complete teaching from the Sunday services go to www.centralcommunity.org/media/index.html