

Enlisting Workers

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Luke 5:10 (ESV)

Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.

In Luke we see Luke's investigation concerning Jesus. His birth, the Holy Spirit descending, then His teaching and miraculous ministry begin. Now we see Jesus enlisting workers to disciple and help Him carry out HIS ministry. Today Jesus enlists His workers in a very similar way. Follow along and listen to the account of Jesus enlisting workers.

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Luke 5:1–11 (ESV)

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him **to hear the word of God**, he was standing by the lake of Gen/nes/ar/et, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."** ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! **But at your word** I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying,

“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were **James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.** And Jesus said to Simon, “**Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.**” ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Enlisting Workers; God shows HIMSELF to you where you are! Note that Jesus revealed Himself on their behalf in their current occupation. They saw the reality of Jesus in their physical life on this physical earth.

Luke 5:4 (ESV)

And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

Enlisting Workers; Life has its challenges and can be unproductive and often very unfulfilling. However Christ speaks into our very life in a personal way. When we obey God’s Word even our old efforts and secular endeavors come to life.

Luke 5:5 (ESV)

And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! **But at your word** I will let down the nets.”

When walking with Jesus, we find that life is not a matter of only talk but of power from God!

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

Enlisting Workers; Jesus brings productivity and fulfillment into our lives here on earth. *All those seemingly missed opportunities, were not missed but stored up for us.* The disciples did not miss catching fish; they were just stored up for them.

Luke 5:6–7 (ESV)

⁶ **And when they had done this,** they caught a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

Do not give up! *God is ready to pour out HIS abundance on you!* HIS desire is for you to be productive and fulfilled!

Enlisting Workers; God's blessing is an humbling experience; God becomes more real than ever!

Luke 5:8 (ESV)

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

Enlisting Workers; Once God has our full attention and our eyes are set on HIS majesty, now God gives us HIS specific call and purpose in life!

Luke 5:10 (ESV)

And Jesus said, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will “be catching” men.”

Catching lit. signifies “to take men alive”!

Enlisting Workers; At this time when our heart and passion set on Jesus, we desire to serve HIM.

Luke 5:11 (ESV)

And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Our earthly existence, job, leisure, and family all serve as an avenue to share the love of Christ. We bloom where we are planted. Where we are, is our divine place of ministry. However, if God speaks and expands our ministry, we follow HIS divine leading.

This is a heart issue not a location issue!

1 John 2:15 (ESV)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

However no one can be enlisted as a divine worker unless he comes into a relationship with our divine Creator. Only through Jesus are we counted worthy of eternal life including eternal worship and service to God. Hear God's call!

2Cor.5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin, so that we might be the righteousness of God.

As fully righteous before God we are enlisted into HIS divine service.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.