

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#11 – “Nearness to God Brings about Lowliness Before God”

– Luke 5:1-11

#### I. Introduction

A. Pastor Don’s early days on becoming a Christian.

1. High school youth group opportunities
2. Young life.
3. Much later, standing in the chapel of Elim Bible Institute and wondering what God would do in my life.

B. Peter had this moment.

1. The text – Luke 5:1-11

#### II. Exposition

A. Luke 5:1-3

1. Gennesaret another name for the Sea of Galilee.
2. Teaching near Capernaum.
3. The people “pressed in” to hear him.
4. The boat as a floating pulpit.
5. On Peter – He had heard Jesus teach in the past, but he had not chosen to become a disciple.
  - a. There is danger in hearing but not becoming a disciple.
    1. Note Capernaum – Matthew 11:23-24.

B. Luke 5:4-6a

1. Note the address “Master” – C\_\_\_\_\_ or C\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Nothing in the disciples’ past experience could have prepared them for the miracle of caught fish.

- a. Jesus always knew where the fish were located –  
Matthew 17:22

C. Luke 5:6b-7

1. Jesus had omniscient knowledge – John 6:64; 2:25; 16:30.
2. Note the Psalmist – Psalm 104:24-30

D. Luke 5:8-10a

1. Peter was an eyewitness.
2. Note change of address to Kurios “Lord”.
3. “Depart – for I am a sinful man.”
  - a. Kent Hughes; R.C. Sproul
4. “Astonishment” – They were overwhelmed.
  - a. James and John were present at another important event, too – Matthew 17:1-6.

E. Luke 5:10b-11

1. Healthy fear of God is good – Deuteronomy 13:4.
2. Catch men -- Literally “to capture alive.”
3. They left a promising career.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

- A. We should all be pressing in to hear the Word of God.
- B. Never forget Peter’s elevation of respect for Jesus.
- C. Coming near to the holiness of God often brings about fear and penitence.
- D. The gospel always quiets our fears as we remember the forgiveness of sin and right-standing with God because of Jesus.