

Fishing Lessons

(Luke 5:1-11)

- Introduction:
1. Jesus stood by the Sea of Galilee and borrowed Peter's boat to teach the people.
 2. Then Jesus gave Peter some "fishing tips" and the result was predictable.
 3. Let's look at this event in the life of Peter and see if there are some lessons we can learn.

I. The Words Of Jesus Draw A Crowd

- A. Jesus always seemed to be surrounded by people.
- B. The word of God will attract attention today.
- C. (1 Peter 4:11).

II. Jesus Told Peter To Launch Out Into The Deep

- A. Peter had to get away from the shore.
- B. He needed to go where the fish were.
- C. (Mark 16:15-16).
- D. We have to get out of the building and into the world.

III. Peter Had Met With Complete Failure

- A. He was an experienced fisherman, had fished all night, and had no success.
- B. We'll not always have great success.
- C. When success eludes us, we must guard against impatience and the desire to quit.

IV. Peter Obeyed The Word Of Jesus

- A. This demonstrates Peter's respect for Jesus.
- B. We, like Peter, need to simply take Jesus at his word.
- C. (Hebrews 5:9).

V. Jesus Borrowed Peter's Boat

- A. Jesus didn't take his boat, but requested use of it.
- B. When Peter obeyed, he was rewarded.
- C. We too will be rewarded if we allow Jesus to borrow our lives (Romans 12:1).

- Conclusion:
1. Like Peter, have the faith to give your life to Jesus.
 2. Trust him with all that is yours.
 3. If you will, he will reward you beyond your imagination.