**Study Guide**

**Sermon: Put Out Into the Deep Water**

**Scripture: Luke 5:1 – 11 (10/29/2023)**

**Scripture Reading**

1 One day, as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, 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 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 caught nothing. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6 When they did so, they caught so many 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, 10and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus told 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.

**Discussion:**

1. 3 gospels record Peter’s conversion: Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, and Luke 5:1-11. What are the similarities and differences between these accounts?

2. In Luke 5, there was a tension between Peter’s experience as a fisherman and the Lord Jesus’ command to put out the nets into deep water. If you were Peter, would you react in the same way

3. How would you reconcile scientific evidence and the Christian faith? Have you encountered similar tensions/conflicts in your faith journey?

4. After Peter obeyed, he experienced the miracle himself. What is your understanding of the connection between obedience and miracles?

5. “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinner,” how did you experience your repentance?

**Application:**

* 1. How do you practice “taking a boat to deep water” in your spiritual journey?
  2. If the group has enough time, trace Peter’s faith journey after his conversion through the Gospel of Luke from Peter’s perspective.