

=LIFE OF CHRIST=  
Lesson 5  
Jesus Chooses His Helpers

We have followed Him from His preexistence to the beginning of His ministry. He realized early in His ministry that He could not do it alone; He needed helpers.

JESUS WANTED TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIMSELF IN OTHERS.

People often ask, "What is the secret to leadership?" One of the great secrets is for the leader to get the followers to do what he does, in other words, to reproduce himself in the lives of others.

Luke 5:1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,  
2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

JESUS FOUND \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE.

In Luke 5:1, 2, we notice that these men worked hard.

They were washing their nets when Jesus found them. Check very carefully in the Bible, and you will find that Jesus always chose busy people; when God called a man, he was busy.

Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

WORKING APART FROM \_\_\_\_\_ IS FRUITLESS.

In Luke 5:5, notice the words, "...we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing."

This is the case in the life that tries to serve the Lord without the Lord's power. The Christian must do what he does in the energy of the Holy Spirit, or failure is inevitable.

THOSE WHO WORK FOR CHRIST MUST \_\_\_\_\_ HIS WORD.

In Luke 5:5, notice the words, "...at thy word I will let down the net." Here is the great secret for the servant of God.

Do what the Word says. Open your Bible and find what it says. Obey it. Live by it. Do it.

Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught

THEY DID NOT ADEQUATELY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS BLESSING.

Notice in Luke 5:4 the words, "...let down your nets for a draught." Notice in verse 6 the words, "And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake."

Jesus said, "Let down your nets," but they let down only their net. They did not realize what He wanted to do for them; consequently, they lost much because they were not prepared.

Luke 5:10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

THESE SERVANTS USED WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ THEY HAD TO CATCH MEN.

Notice in Luke 5:10 the words, "...from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

When a person is converted, he should use what he has. If he can sing, he should sing, but he should sing to catch men.

Luke 5:11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

THE MOST \_\_\_\_\_ MUST LEAVE ALL.

Notice in Luke 5:11 these words, "...they forsook all." Bear in mind, these were business men. They were in business with their father, Zebedee.

Yet, the Bible says, "...they forsook all, and followed him."

THEY \_\_\_\_\_ FROM THEIR WORK.

With the passing of the years and with the death of Christ, these men went back to fishing.

In other words, they went back to the old way of life, forgetting this experience and the work that they had been called to do.