

SERMON OUTLINE FEBRUARY 2, 2016

"Let Down Your Nets!"

Luke 5:1-11

INTRODUCTION: What is the biggest need in your life?

I. LIFE MUST HAVE BEEN EXCITING IN PALESTINE WITH JESUS ON THE LOOSE

- A. He had a way of changing every life He touched
- B. Even age-old rules about fishing were changed

II. JESUS SAID: LET DOWN THE NETS!

- A. 100's of people crowded Him to the banks of the sea
- B. He preached while riding on the sea
- C. Then came those wonderful words: Let down the nets!
- D. 100's of fish filled the boats
- E. Simon Peter's response: Depart from me Lord, I'm a sinful man.

III. JESUS SPEAKS THOSE SAME WORDS TO US TODAY

- A. People are pushing & crowding to hear a word today
- B. People toil all night & come up with empty nets
- C. Have **you** ever yearned to know God better?
- D. Jesus calls us to let down our nets in deep waters
- E. Deep waters represented evil & chaos

IV. JESUS' INVITATION IS FOR YOU TODAY:

- A. Let down your nets!
- B. He comes today to fill your nets
- C. Holy Communion
- D. The public & private hearing & study of His Word
- E. Let's join Simon Peter casting our nets

CONCLUSION: A prayer for "letting down our nets"