

Class Structure

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek**
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**
- 3: Pick a Saint to talk about and Miracles**
- 4: Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English**

1: Lords Prayer English & Greek *(Pray with class)*

2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation

Ask the students who wants to read the Gospel

Luke 5:1-11 New King James Version

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the **Lake of Gennesaret**,
Symbolizes the world

2 and saw **two boats** standing by the **lake**, but the **fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets**.

The 2 boats are the old and new Testaments of the Bible. By the lake is like they are on the outskirts of the world. The fishermen are the priest bringing the people to God but are done because they do not know what to do.

3 Then, He got into **one of the boats**, which was **Simon's**, and asked him to put out a **little from the land**. And He sat down and **taught the multitudes from the boat**.

Jesus got into the boat pulling out the new testament from his all-knowing self and told the Apostles to go into the world a little way. He did not tell them to go out to all the world like in the Gospel of John, but a little and taught from the new testament how to bring people closer to God "catch men."

4 When He had **stopped speaking**, He said to Simon, "**Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.**"

He stopped speaking to test the Apostles on what they learned to see what they could catch. He told them Go into the deep, which is the world, by themselves and see what they can catch using what He taught and the scriptures, which are the nets.

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, **we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net.**”

Peter doubted what Jesus said from his experience and his mind, but he did the will of Christ through his faith in Jesus.

6 And when they had done this, they **caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.**

Catching a great number of fish showed them thru Christ, they could catch many people “**fish,**” but the breaking of the net indicates that now, unlike in the Gospel of John, because of their lack of faith and training in Christ, they will not be able to keep all the people “**fish**” that comes “**catch**” to Christ thru them.

7 So they **signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.**

Through the teachings of Christ, they ordained Bishops, Priests, and Deacons to help spread the word of Christ through Holy traditions and the Bible because they could not do it by themselves.

8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he **fell down at Jesus’ knees**, saying, “**Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!**”

When Peter saw the miracle that happened, he knew it was all possible through Jesus, and he realized his sinful self. He stated that Jesus was Lord confessing his Holiness and asked him to leave, showing he was not worthy to be near him because of his sinfulness.

9 For he and all who were with him were **astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;**

10 and so also *were James and John*, the sons of Zebedee, who were **partners with Simon.** And Jesus said to Simon, “**Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.**”

All were amazed by the miracle of catching the fish. And Christ shows us through this example what will be happening in the future. The Bishops above Peter, James, and John of the Church will be catching men instead of fish through the teaching of the Holy traditions of the Church and the Bible.

11 So when they had **brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.**

Through their experience with Christ, the miracle they saw, and the message they learned, the fisherman gave up everything they owned and worked for their entire life and followed Christ.

It is not stated in the Gospel of Luke when the four fishermen were called but It is understood that St Andrew Peters brother was the other fisherman.

Ask students questions how can we tend our soil.

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