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South Sub Church

Rooted

New Beginnings: From Nets to Next Steps

Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.² He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."⁵ "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Sermon Summary:

Rooted is a 10-week journey through the life of the Apostle Peter, following his story as he learns to walk with Jesus. Each week, we'll step into a defining moment of Peter's life—his failures, his victories, his doubts, and his bold faith—and discover how God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. *Rooted* will help you grow deeper in faith, find strength in trials, and embrace the life God has called you to live. Whether you're brand new to faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this series will ground you in truth and inspire you to live boldly for Jesus.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Do you prefer mornings, afternoons, or nights—and why?
2. What's the most unusual job you've ever had?
3. Have you ever been fishing? If so, what's the biggest (or smallest!) thing you've caught?
4. If Jesus asked to borrow your "boat" (something from your daily life), what would that be today?
5. Share a time you worked really hard at something, almost gave up, and then finally saw results.

Scripture Study Questions:

1. Where was Jesus standing when the crowd pressed in on Him to hear the word of God?
2. What were the fishermen doing when Jesus saw them by the shore?

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3. Whose boat did Jesus step into?
4. What did Jesus ask Simon to do with the boat after He stepped into it?
5. After teaching, what instruction did Jesus give to Simon regarding the deep water?
6. What reason did Simon give for being hesitant about letting down the nets again?
7. What word did Simon use to respectfully address Jesus in his response?
8. What happened when they let down the nets as Jesus instructed?
9. How did Simon Peter respond when he saw the miraculous catch of fish?
10. What did Jesus tell Simon about the new role he would have in the future?

Interpretive Questions:

1. What might Simon's initial reluctance to cast the nets again reveal about his faith or perspective at that moment?
2. Why do you think Simon still obeyed Jesus' command despite his doubts?
3. Why do you think Simon responded with humility and a confession of sin after the miracle?
4. What does Jesus mean when He says, "From now on you will be fishing for people"?
5. What does this passage teach us about the connection between obedience and experiencing God's work?

Application Questions:

1. How might God be calling you to trust Him in an area where you've felt tired, discouraged, or unsuccessful?
2. In what ways does Jesus still call ordinary people today to join Him in extraordinary purposes?
3. How could this story reshape the way you view your daily work or responsibilities?
4. What might it look like for you personally to "leave everything and follow Him" in your current season of life?