

Sermon Notes, February 7, 2010  
**Getting Serious with God**  
Luke 5:1-11 (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Let's Get Serious. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FOUR PARTS OF THE PATH TO  
“GETTING SERIOUS” WITH GOD**

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(John 1:37-39 NIV) *When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. {38} Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” {39} “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.*

(John 1:44-46 NIV) *Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. {45} Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” {46} “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.*

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(Luke 5:5 NIV) *Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”*

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(Luke 5:9-10 NLT) *For he was awestruck by the size of their catch, 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!”*

(Isa 6:5 NIV) *“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”*

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(Luke 5:10b-11 NIV) *“ . . . From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.*

(Isa 6:8 NIV) *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”*

**The Call of Terry Schoenfeld.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Call of Drew Brees.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Next Steps.**

1. I will spend time satisfying my curiosity about Jesus.
2. I will follow him in small decisions and small steps of obedience.
3. I will watch for those moments when God does something awesome in my life.
4. I will step up and respond positively to God’s call on my life.

# Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 7, 2010

Luke 5:1-11, Isaiah 6:1-13, Psalm 138, I Corinthians 15:1-11

**Icebreaker:** How did you land in your present occupation?

1. Pastor Mark said that Jesus led his disciples through a discipling process. Does it surprise you that Jesus used a process to train his disciples? Why didn't he simply do it instantaneously?
2. The word boat appears several times in this passage. Is there anything significant about the boat?
3. What did Pastor Mark mean when he referred to the *come and see* part of the path of discipleship?
4. Peter said, "... because you say so, I will let down the nets (vs.5)." Pastor Mark said that this indicated a turning point in Peter's attitude toward Jesus. What was it?
5. Peter and his companions were "astonished" at the huge catch of fish that resulted from Jesus' direction (vs.9). How could such a blessing turn into fear?
6. When Jesus called his disciples to follow him (vs.10 & John 1:38-39), he said they would catch men. In other words, their ministry would be fruitful in the kingdom of God. Do you think that he was referring to:
  - a. Leading people to Christ (evangelism)
  - b. Making disciples (Mt. 28:19)
  - c. Other? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jesus called these men to accountability to himself. Discuss together this definition of accountability: "The offer of accountability is a commitment to lead you to do even what you don't want to do, so you can become what you do want to become."
8. How is Jesus' call of his disciples similar to the call of Isaiah (Is.6:1-11)?
9. Would you agree that the church member's role in making disciples would include:
  - a. To mature as a disciple
  - b. To receive training in the use of your gifts
  - c. To directly minister to Christians and non-Christians
  - d. To befriend and assimilate newcomers
10. Would you welcome training in the area of your ministry? Why? When? Where? Who?
11. Case study: Rick is a successful entrepreneur, a proven leader, with lots of friends. His family members followed Christ. We joined in praying for him. And just last month he trusted Christ! He instantly was desired everywhere in the church.
  - a. As a disciple, what phase is Rick in?
  - b. Into what structures at St. Paul's do we place this 47-year-old executive leader and baby Christian?
  - c. What does he need to learn right now?
  - d. What kind of environment does he need at this time?
12. How long does it take to make a good football player? How long does it take to make a mature disciple of Jesus Christ?
13. These men left everything and followed Jesus. How does that apply to us (you) today?

## Prayer

Keep on praying for folks in Haiti.

Pray for the making of disciples at St. Paul's.

Pray for one another.