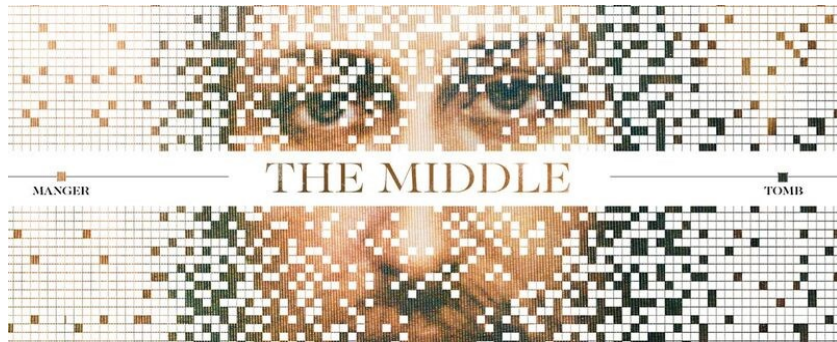


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Who Me?

Luke 5:1-4 (NIV)

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

- The call of Jesus is not normal.

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."

But Jesus...

Luke 5:6-9 (NIV)

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,

- Peter's confession is his resume for service to Jesus.

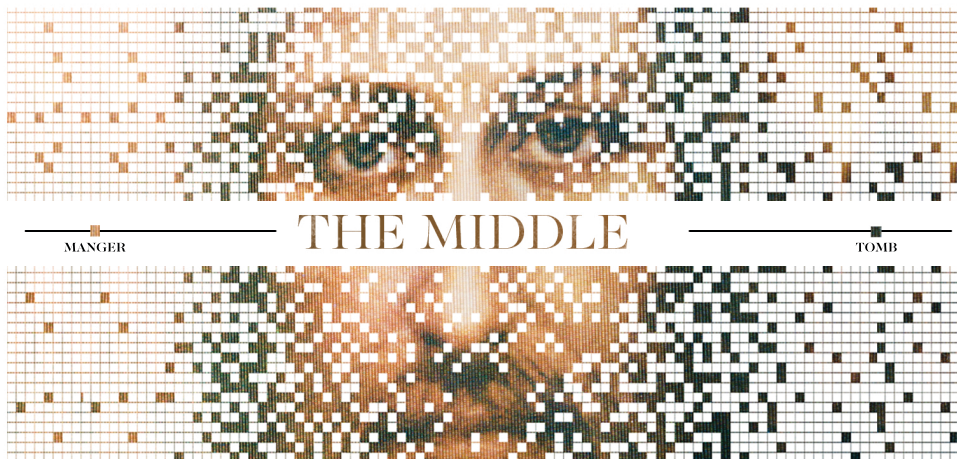
1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)

and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

- You are not what you use to be.



THE CALLING OF JESUS'S DISCIPLES LUKE 5:1-11 #NVSTORYSHARE

CONNECT THE STORY

What happened in our last story? What key principles or truths did we discover through the story of the temptation of Jesus? Can someone retell the story?

TELL THE STORY

Tell the story: as best as you can, do not stop and teach, try not to make points (Commentary), just tell the story.

REBUILD THE STORY

As a group: chronologically rebuild the story from memory. Ask questions if necessary. Like – “What happened first?”, “What happened next?”, “Did we leave out anything?” Finally, have participants look at their Bibles and see if anything was added or left out of the story as they go through it one more time.

ASK QUESTIONS

- Where do you see yourself in this story?
- What do we learn about Jesus/God in this story?
- What do we learn about man in this story?
- What is Jesus teaching you personally through this story?
- What application/adjustment do you need to make in your life due to the truth discovered in this story?

ADULTS

- What would make these professional fishermen want to listen to Jesus and put his nets back out, especially since he was not a fisherman?
- What would make these same fishermen lay down their nets for good and follow Jesus for the rest of their lives?
- What does it mean to you to follow Jesus?
- Is there a cost involved in following Jesus?
- What have you done recently simply because Christ asked you to do it?
- It says they left everything to follow him - what have you left behind to follow Christ?

COLLEGE

- Simon Peter didn't feel completely confident in Jesus' command to cast his net again. In what ways have you doubted God's commands in your own life?
- Peter finally realized his own insufficiencies in comparison to the greatness of Jesus. How are you relying on your own strengths? What do you need to let go of to fully trust in the Lord?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?

STUDENT

- What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Are you a disciple of Jesus?
- Reread verse 10, what does it mean to fish for people? Are you fishing for people?

CHILDREN

- Older Child – What did the disciples have to do to follow Jesus?
- Older Child – How did Jesus change the disciples' lives?
- Young Child – What was the disciples' job?
- Young Child – How did their job change when they followed Jesus? How does our life change when we follow Jesus?

KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL

- What were the men doing when Jesus called them?
- What did Jesus ask them to do?
- What did the men do when Jesus asked them to follow Him?
- Why did Jesus ask them to follow Him?
- Can you tell me one way you can be a helper this week?

THE MIDDLE

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MONDAY

READ LUKE 5:1-11

Begin to practice learning the story so you can share it. Look at a map in the back of your bible or online to see where this story takes place. People that are visual learners have a hard time staying focused if a geographical place is mentioned but they are unaware of its position in relationship to the previous stories. Get used to looking up places in the map when reading Scripture.

TUESDAY

READ LUKE 5:1-7

Why did Jesus perform this particular miracle in the middle of His healing and teaching? Why was Peter so quick to obey Jesus' instruction? Given the lack of success the fishermen had faced so far, how easy might it have been to grow hopeless? Why do you think they were willing to take Jesus at His word and obey His command? What was the difference or differences between how Jesus saw the situation and how the fishermen viewed it? What situation in your life might you be seeing as a more hopeless that Jesus sees it?

WEDNESDAY

READ LUKE 5:8-11

What did Jesus reveal to Peter through this miracle? How did Peter respond (v. 8)? The fishermen immediately recognized the miraculous nature of this experience. Simon Peter fell at Jesus' feet—a sign of submission and pleading. He addressed Jesus as Lord. Here, the Greek word indicates Simon was acknowledging Jesus' authority. The presence of the Lord in His holiness brings recognition and conviction of personal sin. Simon asked Jesus to depart, not because he was afraid of Jesus' power, but because Simon was aware he was a sinful man. Confronted with His holiness, many sinners want to avoid God. Simon's acknowledgement of Jesus' lordship was the result of the demonstration of Jesus' power.

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THURSDAY

READ LUKE 5:1-11

What do you think made the men leave behind everything they knew to follow Jesus? Is there anything you would regret leaving behind should following Jesus require it? Why or why not? What have you already left behind? What hesitations might you have in obeying Christ's call to you—not only to follow Him with your own life, but to invite all those around you to do the same? In each of the stories from the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, Luke emphasized Jesus' authority and the powerful effect of His words. The prophecy from Isaiah 61:1-2 (quoted in Luke 4:18-19) was fulfilled in Jesus, and His actions and speech authenticated that He is the Messiah, and that He calls each of us to lay down our lives and follow Him as true fishers of men.

FRIDAY

A life radically devoted to Jesus doesn't go after small stuff, such as the house we live in or the car we drive. It goes after people. The most important thing we can do with our lives, from sunup to sundown, is to impact people for God's kingdom. As we do so, we have the ability to recalibrate our church, helping us focus on the mission. We can set a trajectory for our church's future that is about the Father's business, which is always centered on reaching people. What does it take to become a contagious Christian? What might happen if you stepped out of your comfort zone in order to change someone's life on earth and ultimate destination? What worldly anxieties, desires or indulgences are you tempted to spend your time, effort and life on? How can you take one step this week to surrender those things in order to focus on others? How can you carry out the mission of God in our families, schools, communities and workplace this week? Who do you have a burden for this week? What can you do to live and speak the gospel of truth to them in order to point them to Jesus?

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. **Luke 5:11**