



Key References:

Luke 5:3–11 (ESV)

[...] ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. [...] ¹⁰ [...] “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Mark 5:21–34 (ESV)

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴ And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

1 – A valuable catch

Read Luke 5:3-11. **How valuable do you think this catch was? Why did they leave the immediate blessing of the catch behind to follow Jesus? Why did Jesus tell them not to be afraid?**

The cost of following Jesus was massive for the disciples. **Do you think there is a cost to following him today? Are there any fears that you have over the cost of radically following him now?**

2 – Interruption and opportunity

Read Mark 5:21-24. Jesus may not have started his day planning that this request would come about but he made space. **Is it easy for you to change your plans when a need from someone else arises?**

Read Mark 5:24-34. **How did Jesus know to stop for this woman? Why did Jesus think it was worthwhile to stop while Jairus’ daughter was in such an urgent condition?**

Mike called this interaction between Jesus and the woman “*a God moment*”. **In a world with so much need how can you discern between what is a distraction & what is “a God moment”? How does prayer & The Holy Spirit prepare you for these moments?**

Do you have any memorable “God moments” you like to share?

In stopping for the woman the daughter died. **What was Jesus’ response in Mark 5:35-36 & how should we apply this to evangelism in our own lives?**

In both Luke 5:10 & Mark 5:36 Jesus’ tells both groups to not fear. **Do you find it easy to stop for needy people and help them? What do you struggle with? How you think Jesus was to tell you not to fear in this?**

3 – Creating room for moments

Mike said that Deborah’s long battle with kidney failure was a big interruption in their lives, but that it opened up many “God moments” with other suffering people. **Are there big unexpected interruptions in your life at the moment? How might God work through them?**

Mike said “*love without action is pointless*” and talked about the parable of the Good Samaritan and how had religion left the man for dead. **How can we, individually and as a Connect Group, respond to the need of The Gospel to Nanaimo with love filled action?**