"The Call of Jesus" Luke 5:1-11

- *2 Pictures of sea of Galilee
 - I. Jesus calls us to a life of obedience (v. 1-7)
 - A. Some commands make sense and require little faith
- *Picture of Jesus and disciples in the boat
 - B. Some commands do not make sense and require great faith
- "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)
- *Picture of boat in the middle of the sea
 - C. With the command comes a promise
 - D. Obedience brings God's blessing
- *Picture of catch of fish

"If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)

- II. Jesus calls us to a life of worship (v. 8-10a)
 - A. We see Jesus in power and authority
 - B. We see the condition of our own heart

"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." (Isaiah 6:5)

C. We see hope for us in the grace of God

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

- III. Jesus calls us to a life of purpose (v. 10b)
 - A. We are called to follow Jesus

"Come follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

- B. We are called to help others follow Jesus
- IV. Jesus calls us to a life of discipleship (v. 11)
 - A. We are not called to be casual disciples

"He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, but not wholeheartedly." (2 Chronicles 25:2)

B. We are called to be totally committed disciples

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

C. We are called to make following Jesus the <u>priority of our lives</u>

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

D. We are called to make following Jesus the <u>passion of our lives</u>