



# All Christians' Fellowship International

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## *Study to show "The Way of True life," Bible Study Outline*

TOPIC: **Reluctant Evangelists**

TEXT: **Luke 5: 1-11**

**Instructions:** - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction:** Lost of us can think of 101 reasons not to evangelize. Reason #1: "I'm too busy." Reason #2: "I don't know any non-Christians" Reason #87: "My dog ate the four-law booklet." If we were as skillful at doing evangelism as we are at avoiding it, the Great Commission might have been fulfilled long ago! Peter and his companions felt much more comfortable catching fish than people. In Luke 5 Jesus helps these four unlikely prospects to overcome their reluctance.

1. What are some reasons you don't evangelize more of the people around you?
2. Read Luke 5:1-11. Use your imagination to describe the scene, the sounds and smells in verses 1-2.
3. The fishermen are washing their nets (w. 1-2). Why hasn't Peter noticed the eager, seeking crowd and Jesus' need of his help?
4. Jesus' request in verse 3 probably required the help of several men. How do you think Simon felt about this inconvenient interruption?
5. How can the tyranny of the urgent prevent us from doing what is truly important, especially when it comes to evangelism?
6. Why do you think Simon is reluctant to comply with Jesus' second request (w. 4-5)?
7. Why does this event create such strong reactions in Simon and his companions (verses 6-10)?
8. Note Jesus' statement in verse 10. From a merely human standpoint, how must these rustic fishermen have felt about their qualifications as full-time evangelists?
9. How do you suppose Peter's new self-evaluation (v. 8) affects him as he considers this new assignment?
10. In what ways do you feel fearful or inadequate in evangelism?
11. How would the experience of the big catch have prepared Peter and the others for their new work?
12. Matthew and Mark add a condition to Jesus' wonderful promise on this occasion: "*Follow me*, and I will make you fishers of men. What did following Jesus mean for them, and what may it mean for you?

How can Jesus' promise help you overcome your reluctance to evangelize?