**TEXT: LUKE CHAPTER 5** 

<u>Directions:</u> - Let the whole chapter be read first time you come together to study this chapter so that everyone could participate fully. Thereafter, the class may then be reading recommended verses as needed when answering the questions. 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.

Read the following passage from the Book of Luke and answer the questions that follow. - New International Version (NIV).

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- 1. Summarize what happened at the Lake of Gennesaret.
- 2. Why do you suppose Simon Peter said, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." (Luke 5:8)?
- 3. What happened with the paralyzed man? How did the Pharisees respond?
- 4. Why did the Pharisees complain when Jesus sat with Levi?
- 5. Explain the parables at the end of the chapter.

## Answer Key

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- 1. Summarize what happened at the Lake of Gennesaret. There were two boats, and Jesus told Simon Peter to cast the net, and it came back overflowing with fish. In fact, the number of fish filled up both boats. Jesus told Simon Peter that he would make him a fisher of men.
- 2. Why do you suppose Simon Peter said, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." (Luke 5:8)? Perhaps he felt guilty for doubting Jesus. He did as Jesus asked, but he may have had doubts.
- 3. What happened with the paralyzed man? How did the Pharisees respond? The paralyzed man tried to reach Jesus to be cured, but the crowds were too large. Instead, people lowered him into the room through the roof, and he was healed by Jesus. The Pharisees became upset because Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven, and they said only God had the power to forgive sins.
- 4. Why did the Pharisees complain when Jesus sat with Levi? Because Levi was a tax collector and was considered sinful.
- **5.** Explain the parables at the end of the chapter.
  - No one tears a piece from a new cloak to put it on an old cloak by "a piece of a new garment" meaning the new and upstart notions and traditions of the elders, which were so in comparison of the law of Moses; and by the "old", the robe of their own righteousness, wrought out in obedience to the moral and ceremonial law: and Christ suggests, that to join these together, in order to patch up a garment of righteousness, to appear in before God, was equally as weak and ridiculous, as to put a piece of new and undressed cloth into a garment that was old, and wore threadbare.

Otherwise, not only will the new one be torn, but the piece taken from the new will not match the old that is, much worse than it was, as it is expressed both in Matthew and Mark; the old and new cloth being unsuitable, and not of equal strength to hold together: by this Christ intimates, that the Jews, by being directed to the observance of the traditions of the elders, were drawn off from a regard to the commandments of God; so that instead of having a better righteousness, they had one much the worse, a ragged, and a rent one.

And nobody puts new wine in old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins and run to waste, and the skins will be ruined and so the statutes of men, and the ordinances of God, or the traditions of the elders, and the commands of God, are no more like one another, than the piece of a new and an old garment, and as unlike is obedience to the one, and to the other;