

## **SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY 2019, PART II:**

### **#SEEALLTHEPEOPLE**

#### **Week 1: February 10, The Pressing Crowd, Luke 5:1-11**

##### Note to the Teacher

In 2016, Discipleship Ministries began launching materials around the theme “See All the People.” This message of reaching people and expanding the church into the community has begun to bear fruit as churches have launched campaigns to strengthen their own disciple-making systems. Because of his preaching, teaching, and healing, Jesus truly saw all the people, and as a result, the people were always with him. As the church makes connections in the community to bring people to know Christ, we would do well to make note of the way Jesus responded to the crowds.

In the first week of the series, Jesus performs the miracle of the fish, but he also performs the miracle of showing Peter something new about himself. In this encounter, Peter discovers his calling to be a disciple of Jesus.

##### Time    Description of Activity

##### 10 min **1. Ice Breaker: What you don’t know:**

This game is about learning new things about the people in your group. Each student receives three slips of paper. Students are to write one statement on each piece of paper. One statement should be something about that student that that he/she thinks most people in the group don’t know about them. The other two statements should be things that seem believable but aren’t true or didn’t happen.

Once all the students are done writing, have each person pass their slips to the student on their right. Begin by having that student read all three of the slips of paper about the person on their left. After hearing them all, read them again, and ask the group to vote as to which statement is the correct one.

After the voting is complete, the student that wrote the statements reveals which one is the true one, and the next student to the right shares his/her statements.

##### 5 min **2. Read Scripture**

The scripture we are reading today happens right after Jesus is baptized and then tempted in the wilderness. This is the beginning of his public ministry.

Read Luke 5:1-11

##### 15 min **3. Discussion**

- Peter was a fisherman and Jesus was a carpenter. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus told him how to fish?

- After catching such a huge load of fish, do you think that it would be easier or more difficult to leave all of it and follow Jesus?
- The job of fisherman was not a highly valued profession, but the job of rabbi was. Peter probably didn't think of himself as having what it took to be a disciple of a rabbi. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus invited him to be a disciple?
- Jesus saw something in Peter that Peter didn't see in himself. How does it feel to have someone see things in you that you can't see in yourself? When is a time that has happened to you?
- If you were assembling a group of people to start Christianity, what kinds of people would you want in that group?
- What do you think Jesus saw in Peter that he didn't see in himself?

**20 Min 4. Activity**

Take this lesson to the next level by helping students dive deep into this idea through Bible meditation using this Youth Worker Collective resource (<https://youthworkercollective.com/meditating-on-the-scripture/>)

Close in the manner that is typical for you. Consider taking joys/concerns from the students, then asking for a volunteer to close in prayer.

**50 min**

**NEEDED RESOURCES:**

Slips of paper

