



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: Feb 6th, 2022

Messengers Uncovered:
The least qualified are the first sent.

Luke 5:1-11

¹One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

1. This weekend finishes off Christian Education week at Mount Olive. Christian Ed. is really the lifelong pursuit of being a disciple of Jesus. How has your life as a disciple of Christ benefitted from our Christian Ed. system (not just school, but also Sunday School, VBS, Catechism, Bible Class, etc...)?
2. Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees and said, **"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"** What is so amazing about the way Jesus responds?
3. Jesus called Peter, James, and John to be full time disciples, full time fishers of men. They left everything behind. Take a moment to quantify the sacrifice their faith was allowing them to make.
4. Peter, James, and John were common Galilean fisherman. They were not educated men. They did not have training in oratory or in the Old Testament Laws. Their resumés did not show qualified candidates. For what reasons did Jesus choose these men to be his disciples?
5. God chooses sinners like Isaiah, and Peter, and Paul, and you to be his messengers. In his wisdom, God binds himself to work through sinners. What might be the wisdom in having one sinner witness to another?
6. Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to fish for people. As disciples of Christ, you are called to do the same. What does the work of fishing for people look like in the year 2022?
7. Mount Olive is hosting a workshop called Everyone Outreach on Feb 26,27. We want to help all of our people think about and be active in their calling as fishers of people. What are things that make you hesitant about participating? What do see as the benefits of participating?