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Luke Sermon Series

Supports Session 9: Followed

Sermon Title: "The Lord Calls Regular People"

Passage: Luke 5:4-11,27-32

Connection to Luke 5

A huge response results in chapter 5 as the people gather around Jesus by the Lake Gennesaret. It was in this setting that the Lord called His first disciples to follow Him. It took a miracle to open their eyes.

Introduction/Opening

What is a disciple? The word means a learner. In that sense, a person could be a disciple of anything. One could be a disciple of Beethoven, or hockey, or comic books. A disciple is one who seeks to learn from another source and emulate and imitate that source in his or her life. A disciple of Jesus seeks to be like Him but seeks even more. A disciple of Jesus is a servant of Jesus. A disciple of Jesus is one who worships Jesus. A disciple of Jesus is one who is a witness for Jesus.¹ The Lord Jesus calls a person to follow Him as a disciple.

Outline

1. The Blue-Collar Disciples (vv. 4-11)
 - a. The first disciples were fishermen who had worked all night to no avail. They would give it another try the next day. That's what they did.
 - b. A carpenter's son told them where to fish. For a professional fisherman to admit he had caught nothing was hard enough, but now a carpenter was telling him how to do it (and the morning time was usually the least desirable time to fish).
 - c. They went out and cast the nets and caught such a large number of fish that the nets began to tear.
 - d. When Peter saw the miracle, he fell in front of the miracle-working Sovereign. The miracle of the fish produced a sense of unworthiness in Simon Peter.
 - e. Jesus called blue-collar disciples.

2. The White-Collar Disciple (vv. 27-28)
 - a. In contrast to the weather-worn fishermen, Jesus called a tax collector. Tax collectors were not well liked in the community.
 - b. The Lord Jesus said only two words to Matthew: "Follow me."
 - c. Matthew left everything and followed Him, just like the fisherman had done.
 - d. Jesus called a white-collar disciple.

1. Jonathan Parnell, "What Is a Disciple?," July 28, 2014, accessed June 27, 2020, <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-is-a-disciple>.

3. The Sinner Disciples (vv. 29-32)

- a. Jesus, at Matthew's invitation, ate supper with known sinners.
- b. When confronted by the religious leaders, Jesus reminded them that the sick need medical attention and not the well. He declared that He was there to call sinners to repentance.

Conclusion

The Lord Jesus calls regular people to accomplish His work in this world for His glory. Sometimes they are regular blue-collar people. Sometimes they are regular white-collar people. But there are always people within our circle of influence and contact who are possible disciples. Jesus calls people to follow Him. He calls people to surrender to Him.

If the believer sees Jesus more clearly, the needs of world will be seen and met. If the believer sees Jesus more clearly, those who are possible disciples will hear the message more often. Please Lord, open the eyes of your people.

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