



# “A Meeting with the Real Jesus”

Luke 5:1-11

## SERMON NOTES

*Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:*

## A WORD FROM MIKE....

During this series of sermons on Luke, we are going to be looking at what it really means to be a disciple of Jesus. What is a disciple? A disciple is a mature follower of Jesus. Here at UPC, we've gone further and defined a disciple as someone who displays nine traits. We call them "Nine Marks of a Transformed Life." Each week in this sermon series, we will study one of these Nine Marks. Remember that no one masters these nine characteristics in this life. We are always growing and maturing; the process of sanctification never ends this side of heaven. However, by God's grace and through the work of the Holy Spirit it is possible to become a mature follower of Jesus. The Nine Marks of a Transformed Life are:

1. Enjoys God in worship
2. Engages in God's Word (the Bible) through study & prayer
3. Lives by God's promises
4. Applies the gospel of grace in relationships
5. Invests time & energy in a small group of friends
6. Fulfills his/her church membership vows
7. Exercises his/her gifts & passions in all of life
8. Practices Biblical principles of financial stewardship
9. Shares his/her faith in word and deed



## KNOWING GOD

a) Read Luke 5:1-11. What attributes of God are displayed in this story?

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b) How does this story demonstrate that Jesus is God?

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c) Why did Peter fall at Jesus' knees and say, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man"? (vs. 8)

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d) Can you find other passages in the Bible where someone sees God for who he really is and falls down before him in astonishment or fear?

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## GROWING TOGETHER

a) How do you think Jesus is perceived by most people in our culture today? What events, institutions, or ideas have shaped those perceptions?

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b) How does the East Orlando culture view sin? Do you think most people in our culture understand Peter's reaction to Jesus' miracle? Why or why not?

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c) In verse 11, we are told that the fishermen "pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed [Jesus]." What made them take such a radical, life-altering step?

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d) Have you left everything to follow Jesus? What does that mean to you?

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## SERVING OTHERS

a) This week's sermon is entitled "A Meeting with the Real Jesus." Name some people in your circle of influence who apparently have never met the real Jesus:

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b) Can you make a commitment to pray regularly for those people to have a relationship with Jesus?

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c) The first mark of a disciple is that he or she enjoys God in worship. What would it look like for UPC as a whole to meet the real Jesus on Sunday morning?

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