



Disciples and Dust

3rd Confirmation Class Handout

READ Luke 5:1-11

1 One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around him and listened to the word of God. 2 Jesus saw two boats at the edge of the water. They had been left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into the boat that belonged to Simon Peter. Jesus asked Peter to go out a little way from shore. Then Jesus sat down in the boat and taught the people. 4 When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. Jesus said, "Go out into deep water. Let the nets down so you can catch some fish." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. 7 So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees. "Go away from me, Lord!" he said. "I am a sinful man!" 9 He and everyone with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught. 10 So were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who worked with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will catch people." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore. Then they left everything and followed him.

NOTE:

- Of the groups we talked about last week, which ones are represented in this story?
- The amount of fish that Peter, James and John caught would've been considered a small fortune. They leave it and the family business and their families.
- Their leaving is pretty scandalous because parents depended on their kids to take care of them. No retirement funds or Social Security or retirement homes were around at that time.
- Peter James and John are most likely between the ages of 14 to 17.
- If someone entered your life right now and said, "Leave everything and follow me?" Who would it have to be for you to do like the disciples did and actually leave?

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

"May you be covered in your rabbi's dust." So what or who are you following so closely that you are covered in its/his/her dust? Ways to help you think about this: On what do you spend the majority of your time? On what do you spend the majority of your FREE time? On what do you spend the majority of your money? If you had more time, more money, what would you LIKE to spend it on? Pay attention to this throughout the week. We'll talk about it next week.