

The Other Sermon on the Mount

5:1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He 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.

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

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 such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So 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.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and 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." **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, **28** and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. **30** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

36 He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. **37** And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. **38** No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. **39** And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'"

6:12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. **13** When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: **14** Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, **15** Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, **16** Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, **18** who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, **19** and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

20 Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **21** Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. **22** Blessed are

you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. **23** "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. **25** Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. **26** Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

39 "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? **40** The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher."

41 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

43 "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. **44** Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. **45** A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Read Luke 5:1-11. In what part of this story do you see Jesus interacting with Simon like He has interacted with you? What is He doing in your life right now to call you to the next level of service to Him?

2. Read Luke 5:16 and Luke 6:12. Based on what follows these two scenes in the Gospel of Luke, what difference did prayer seem to make in Jesus' life? When have you seen prayer produce similar fruit in your life?

3. Read Luke 6:20-26. Which set of beatitudes better describes your life right now—verses 20-23 or verses 24-26? How can you be more line-oriented than dot-oriented as a disciple?

4. Read [Matthew 5:48](#) and Luke 6:36. Who needs your mercy as much as you needed God's mercy? How can you be more merciful to this person?

5. Read Luke 6:41 and [Romans 2:1](#). How should these verses shape the way we respond to other people's bad behavior?
