

CrossWalk **notes**

Investigating Jesus

Jesus Calls His Disciples & Heals a Man with Leprosy.

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How does Jesus help me take a next step of faith?

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. **Luke 5:1-3, NIV**

The first step in faith is listening.

Faith comes from hearing the message.

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." **Luke 5:4-5, NIV**

Jesus shows himself to be trustworthy and one that I willingly obey.

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. **Luke 5:6-7, NIV**

My "AHA!" moment is when I realize God knows more and better than I do.

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. **Luke 5:8-11, NIV**

Jesus turns me from self-focused fear to a

Jesus-focused next step of faith.

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him. **Luke 5:12-13, NIV**

God made his power and love known.

In prayer we find his will.

¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

¹⁵ Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. **Luke 5:14-16, NIV**

How can CrossWalk meet you where you are, walk alongside you, and encourage a next step?

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My next step:

I will listen to Jesus speak. I will start a Bible reading plan today. I will plan and take my next step of faith wherever Jesus leads me.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.

Group Questions

The maturity cycle is "hearing God's Word and putting it into practice." How does this cycle help a person grow in faith and trust in God?

What is a teaching from Jesus that goes against conventional wisdom that you have found, through experience, to be helpful and true?

How does the cross and empty tomb assure me that God is loving enough and powerful enough to answer my prayers?

How can your group walk alongside you and encourage a next step of faith for you to take on your journey of faith?