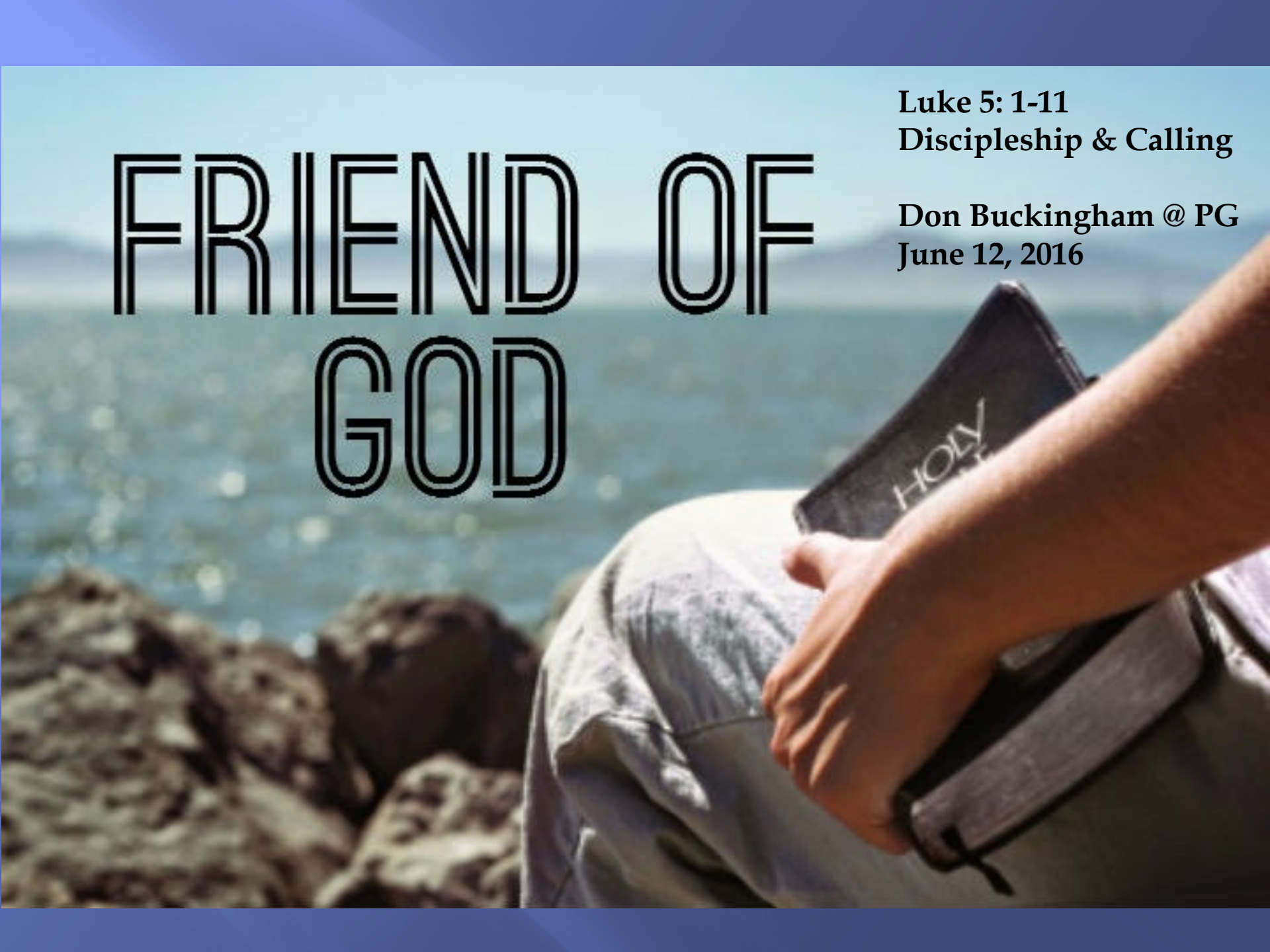


FRIEND OF GOD

Luke 5: 1-11
Discipleship & Calling

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Friends of God Gone Fishin': Discipleship & Calling

- ▣ Friends of God: as followers and leaders; as disciplers and callers
- ▣ We need not be perfect to come to God; rather, we need to trust God and let him do his gracious work in transforming our lives.



Luke 5:1-11

- ▣ 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 5:1-11

- ▣ 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.

Luke 5:1-11

- ▣ 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.

Unpacking Luke 5:1-11

▣ The Scene

- Jesus
- The listening crowd
- Businessmen bystanders (SimJoJam Fishing Co)
- Simon (Peter) in spotlight

▣ The Action

- Preaching on-shore and off-shore
- Openness of Simon to invitation #1 and #2 of Christ

▣ The Reaction

- A physical miracle
- A metaphysical/spiritual miracle

5 truths from Luke 5:1-11

1. A fishing expedition promising a great catch brings in its first catch (of fish and of disciples).
2. Sinners are transformed in ordinary circumstances into servants of God (a transforming call to discipleship).
3. We need an openness, and generally an invitation, to receive Christ's call and treasure.
4. Sometimes we might recognize the call of Christ and still resist by attempting (a) to run away or (b) to rely on our own or others' strength.
5. A call from Christ has the ripple effect (Christ's call was to Peter, but all those who experience the catch follow Jesus).

Luke 5:1-11 (the story now)

- ▣ Rhonda Vincent
Fishers of Men
(2009)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Dyi1qRyXfE>
- ▣ Newsboys
Fishers of Men
(2013)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USnHly6qJT4>
- ▣ How do we respond?



A word about discipleship

- ▣ In our passage, miracle, teaching and discipleship form a collage that explains mission and who is qualified for it – EVERYONE.
- ▣ We are all called, we are all callers.
- ▣ We are all disciples, we are all disciplers.
- ▣ A bit of my story...



A word about calling

Matthew 28:18-20

- ▣ ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- ▣ Typical calling boxes
 - Full-time
 - Part-time
- ▣ Jesus’ way to look at calling
 - All-time

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**A CALL TO
GO FISH
LUKE 5:1-11**

