

8 L's from Luke 5:1-11

1. Limit – This passage clearly depicts a narrative moment. It is bounded by narratives that occur in days prior and after this event.
2. Literature – This is gospel literature, it was written with the intention of being used as an evangelistic tool. Luke was written by a second generation Christian, who most likely was mentioned by Paul. Luke researched and recorded the history of the early Christian movement in Luke-Acts as a means of growing the early church.
3. Location – Capernaum, a town in Galilee at the Lake of Genesaret, Jesus had come there from His home town of Nazareth after walking through a crowd that wanted to do Him in. Now Jesus was teaching crowds that wanted to hear His message. This was the hometown of these fishermen.
4. Language – “Fishers of men”- like that the Greek here promotes an ongoing work (from now on - continually). Jesus spoke from the boat; this was often done as the water made for a natural theater.
5. Links – Back story of Simon Peter – Luke 4:37-40, Jesus heals his mother in law. Andrew (br. of Simon Peter) was one of John’s disciples John 1:35-42). “I am unclean”, Isaiah 6:1-8. Jeremiah 16:15-17 “But now I will send for fishermen”. John 15:5 “you can do nothing apart from me” – Jesus tells us where to fish!
6. Leads – The healing and teaching of Jesus, why on this day did these men follow Him and leave it all behind. What kind of man was Jesus? What kind of man did Jesus call to follow him? Why the change.
7. Lessons –Only Christ can provide mankind’s highest calling. We must obey Christ when He calls us. There is always a back story of faith at work and when the call comes it has strength to us as individuals. Christ works with us over time and He knows when we are ready to be called away. (Lessons follow 5 S’s - Story, Shock, Selective, Strength, Step Away)
8. Life Application – See attached

3 Sermon Series Titled “An Accounting for Wisdom”

Sermon 1 Title “**Calling Wisdom into Question**”

Sermon Goal: To encourage introspection among hearers regarding how we may live wisely and yet still face hardship. The target group of this message is Church members who have substituted ‘wise’ living as a means to safeguard against suffering or as a tool to judge those who face suffering rather than to feel pain and be humbled before God.

Scripture **Eccl. 7:1-18**

- 1) There are two poles evident in ‘human nature’ Wisdom and Foolishness.
 - *Seen throughout this passage.
 - *Parties, Funerals
 - *Ending, beginning
 - *Rebuke, Singing
 - *quick satisfaction Pride (crackling) patient waiting
 - *Anger, Peace

- 2) There are benefits to ‘living wisely.’
 - *Inheritance
 - *Shelter
 - *Preservation of life (v.12)

- 3) Sometimes Wisdom ‘falls short.’
 - *We have seen what this writer sees vs 14-18
 - *Those who struggle to be wise and save lose it
 - *Those struggle with health issues, although they lived clean lives perish.
 - *Where has your wisdom fallen short?

- 4) We struggle to fill the piece that is ‘missing’ in our lives.
 - *Being in between is hard!
 - *Consider vs 13,14 and 18
 - *Have you struggled with the **missing piece**?
 - *Have you trusted God to be ‘in the middle’ with you?

- 5) We must examine our lives and call on our wisdom to ‘give an accounting’.
 - *We live in a society that wants ‘happy time answers’ to life’s tough questions.
 - *Quick fixes to all of life’s worries.

*During next two weeks we will examine the wisdom that we rely on each day and as we are ‘on the go’ in this fast paced world:

“**Finding the Roots of Wisdom**” James 3:13-18

“**Wisdom on the go: Road Testing Wisdom**” James 4:13-17