



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*The Miraculous Fishing ... by Juan*

*READ LUKE 5:1 - 11*

- This story recorded in the Bible took place at the Lake of Gennesaret; this lake is the same Sea of Galilee (*Matthew 4:18*) and it is also the same Sea of Tiberias (*John 21: 1*). This is a lake of fresh water, fed mainly by the Jordan River and it is approximately 21 km long by 11 km wide. In the time of Jesus, there were many communities settled on the shore of the lake and that is why the lake took the name of the community. In this lake there were three miracles related to fishing.
- The Lord used Peter's boat as a pulpit to preach to the crowd because the people needed to hear the good news of salvation. Peter put to the service of Christ what he had, his boat.
- Jesus Christ told Peter to go out into the deep where the large amount of fish was, however, Peter had worked all night and didn't catch a thing. When we are separated from Christ, our life is a failure.
- Peter had a reward for his obedience to the Word of God because even Peter being an experienced fisherman obeyed the advice given by a carpenter.
- The blessing was so great that the nets were filled with fish and Peter's companions were also blessed, just as the body of Christ must be, sharing the blessing with the brothers who are in need.
- The glory of the Lord Jesus produced in his friends a sensation of unworthiness and they recognised their sinful nature. They immediately realized that they were in the presence of God made flesh, the Creator of the Heavens and the earth.
- The Lord tells us that we should not be afraid because He is with us every day of our lives.
- On one of their best days as fishermen, Peter, James and John left the boats on the beach and left everything behind and followed Jesus. Jesus called them to become fishers of men for the Kingdom of God.
- What are all the fish in the ocean compared to the immense privilege of seeing a soul won for Christ? Let's be ready with our nets so the Lord can fill them since He is the Almighty God.

## Events /Notices

- ▶ Next bible study will take place this coming Friday the 6th of April at 7pm in 110
- ▶ Christian Assembly, on behalf of the Mc Dermott family, would like to invite you to our Remembrance Evening for Sean Mc Dermott. It will take place in Third Space, Smithfield (thirdspace.ie) at 7pm on Sunday 15th April. For those who wish, there will be an opportunity to share a short memory of Sean. RSVP to Jean or Gareth if you would like to attend. Please give your name to Jean if you would like to share a memory of Sean.
- ▶ Church weekend in Castledaly Manor will take place from Friday the 8th to Sunday the 10th of June. This weekend will be a time to strengthen your faith and an opportunity to go deeper with God

## Extra Services

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

### ▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3 - 7 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

### ▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11).

### ▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2).