



Sermon Discussion Guide 5-16-10

Sermon Title:	"Surrendering Your Ambitions"
Scripture:	Luke 5:1-11

Key Verse: "Master, we have worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." Luke 5:5

Summary: This week we looked at the calling of the first disciples. Peter has just wrapped up a night of fishing with no catch. Jesus gets into Peter's boat and asks Peter to put the boat out a little deeper. Peter protests but then does what Jesus says. They bring in the catch of a lifetime and even had to call in backup to haul it in! At this moment Peter surrendered his ambitions completely to Jesus. What does Jesus want to do with your career? Your family? Your wealth? Your everyday walking around life? This is what it means to surrender your ambition to him. Without Jesus, our ambitions are ultimately like an all night fish with no catch.

Opening: What is your definition of an ambition? What were some of your ambitions when you were younger? What are they now?

Read: Luke 5:1-11

Discuss: Can you find yourself in Peter's story? Have you had an encounter with Christ that completely transformed your previous ambitions?

Have you had a time in your life where you did something for God, not because you felt like it, but because God "said so" (Luke 5:5); yet in the end you received a huge blessing? How did you feel after it was all said and done?

How do you think Peter felt when Jesus asked him to put the nets out deeper? How does this relate to our own spiritual life?

Read: Ecclesiastes 2:17-25

In the Ecclesiastes passage, consider the following: What does God have to do with satisfaction in work? Do you see your work as a gift from God? Why or why not?

Read: Colossians 3:17

What are some practical ways we can live out Colossians 3:17? What would it mean to do our work as if we were doing it for Jesus? What is the biggest challenge in doing that?

Things I'd like to remember from this week's sermon: _____

Prayer Requests: _____
