



## Week 1:

Unfit: Called by Jesus  
Luke 5:1-11

### OPEN

This is the first week in our series called "Unfit." In this series, we are looking at how God continues to invite unlikely, undeserving, and UNFIT people to play a part in what He is doing in this world. As you trace God's story throughout the Scriptures, you meet a long list of broken and imperfect people whom God includes in His perfect plan. From a human perspective, Abraham was too old, Jacob was dishonest, Moses and David were murderers, Elijah and Jeremiah were suicidal, the warrior Gideon was a coward, Rahab and Tamar were prostitutes, Jonah was disobedient, the disciples abandoned Jesus, Peter denied Christ, and Paul persecuted the Church. Despite their imperfections, God invited them and more into a story much bigger than their own. God could have told His story in any way but chose broken people who He redeemed to share His message of redemption to the world.

### READ

- **Read Luke 5:1-11.** In what ways would these disciples be considered unlikely or unfit people to join Jesus in His mission?
- Look again at Simon's response to Jesus. What stands out most to you? What can we learn from Simon in how we ought to respond to join God's story and mission?
- In the presence of Jesus, Simon becomes more aware of his imperfection (5:8). When has the presence of Jesus made you more aware of your need for him?
- **Read Isaiah 6:1-8.** What similarities do you see between Isaiah's call by God and the calling of the first disciples by Jesus in Luke 5?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-15.** What do these passages teach us about God's purposes in whom He calls?

### REFLECT

- How does Jesus respond to Simon Peter's feelings of inadequacy (5:10)?
- What does Jesus' response teach you about Jesus' character of compassion towards others?
  - To what extent are you struggling with past or present feelings of being "unfit" for God?
  - How has God met you in those moments of feeling "unfit" for him?
  - In what ways do you still need him to meet you in this area?
- How does our view of God impact the times when we struggle with feelings of inadequacy?

 **LIVING GRACIOUSLY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR LIFE AS IT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO US GIVES OUR LIFE SUBSTANCE.**  
-RUTH HALEY BARTON

- Like Simon Peter, the apostle Paul also felt inadequate to be used by God. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.** How do our inadequacies become an opportunity for God's abilities to be shown in our life? When have you experienced this?
- In what ways have you seen God redeem brokenness and weakness in your life or in others to demonstrate His strength and glory?

### PRAY

- Simon responds to Jesus by saying, "but because you say so" (Luke 5:5). Where in your life are you struggling to take Jesus at His word right now? What does humble obedience look like?
- In Luke 5:10, Jesus refocuses the work of the disciples and calls them to give their lives to His mission. How could you begin to view your daily work/life schedule as an opportunity to participate in God's mission? What would this look like this week?
- Continue to pray for our elders, staff, and leaders in this season of transition. Thank God for the unity we have and ask for His wisdom as we follow His leading during this time.