

St. Luke 5:1-11 The Message Translation

The First Followers of Jesus

5 ¹⁻³ Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

⁴ When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."

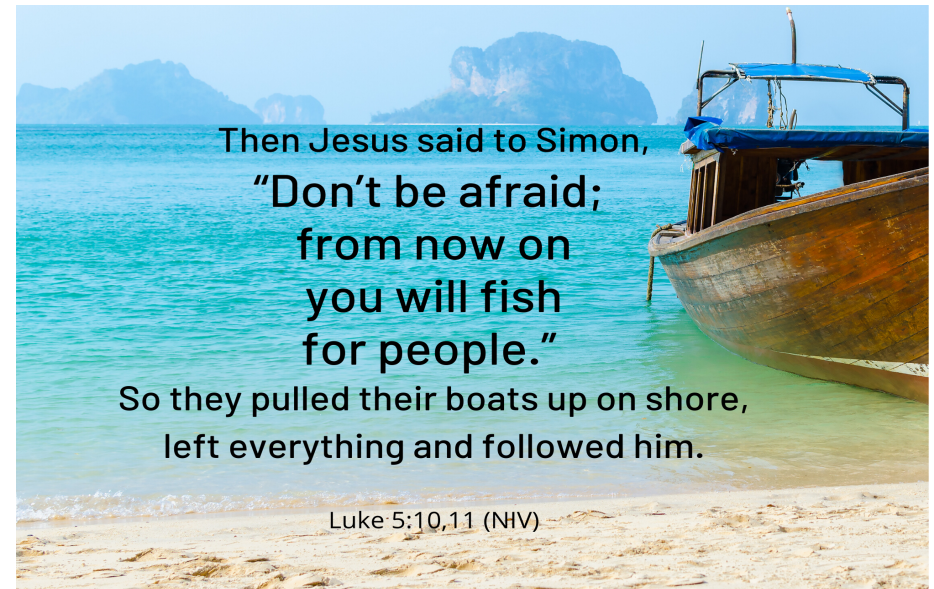
⁵⁻⁷ Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets." It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

⁸⁻¹⁰ Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. "Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself." When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women." They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

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Sunday 09th February 2025 10:30 am
The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Majesty” **SB #46**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “Give me joy in my heart” **SB #23**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Luke 5:1-11 NLT

Message: “Goin Fishin!”

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: **“Praise God from Whom”** **BP #603**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Love Divine, all loves excelling” **BP #233**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Be glorified” vs 1, 3 **SB #60**

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Frank Ingold – at home

Jackie Greenwood – Grand River Hospital

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderhide – at home

Glen Verheyne – at home

Sunday School:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: **February** 9, & 23; **March** 23; **April** 06, & 20; **May** 04, & 18; **June** 01, & 15.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team permanently but also specifically to help with the younger group. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year.

Peace and Joy, Cathrine and Nicolene

WOW:

KEPC is excited to announce that WOW, Women of Worship is returning. Ladies, please join us on Saturday, February 22nd from 10 – noon in the Gray Hall, for a meet and greet and an idea sharing meeting. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne Aitken at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com.

Events This Week: 09th – 16th February 2025

Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service, Sunday School; coffee, & conversation in the Gray Hall.
Monday: 7:30 – 9:30 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall
Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:30 am – Bible study group by Zoom.
12 – 1:30 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall
Wednesday: 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall
Thursday: 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
Friday: 12 pm – Seniors group to Concordia Club for Valentine's Day lunch
12 – 3:30 pm – Music Therapy
Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service; Soup & Annual Congregational meeting in the Gray Hall.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Preliminary year end 2024 financial results show that thanks to everyone's ongoing generosity and stewardship, KEPC has reached the financial goal of covering all expenses without a shortfall & will likely end the year with a surplus!
We are just waiting for a few year-end reports to confirm the

final numbers, but we wanted to let you know as soon as possible and thank everyone for their financial support!
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!
Thank you,
The Finance & Stewardship Team

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2025 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Thank-you, from the Finance & Stewardship Team.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

The Annual Congregational Meeting:

The elders have set that the annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday 16th February 2025 at 11:30 am, immediately following the 10:30 am worship time together. The annual meeting will be in-person, with soup for lunch.

PD Day Camp: Hello volunteers for this next PD Day camp, Details so far are as follows:

Monday, March 31, 2025

Arrival: 8am (kids arrive at 8:30am)

Departure: by 4:15pm (kids leave at 4pm)

Volunteers are welcome for a half day or full day. Please reply to let me know if you are interested in volunteering for March 31 (and spread the word to anyone else you think may be interested in joining us!)

Kindly, Sarah & Kerry.