Today's Theme **"A Follower Of Jesus = Wise"** Series Title: **"Commands Of Jesus" #2** 1/22/17 Matthew 4:18-20 There's More To The Story **1. Jesus Speaking At The Shore.**

Luke 5:1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

2. Jesus Jumps In A Guys Boat.

Luke 5:3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.

3. Jesus Makes A Request Of Simon.

Luke 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

4. Simon's Response Was Typical.

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

5. A Surprise Fish *Miracle* By Jesus.

Luke 5:6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

6. They Needed Help & Quickly.

Luke 5:7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

7. Peter's Life Changed Right Here.

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

8. Everyone Was *Stunned* & *Moved*.

Luke 5:9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

9. They Begin Following Jesus.

Luke 5:10...Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

What's The Purpose Of This Request?

- 1. Turned fish business into people.
- 2. Following Jesus is about *people*.
- 3. Following Jesus produces *hope*. -For *us* & *others*!