Small Group Discussion Guide:

- 1. What stood out to you about Simon's interactions with Jesus in Luke 5:1-11? How was this story different from Jesus' interactions in Capernaum in Luke 4:31-44?
- 2. Jesus told Simon, "From now on you will be catching people." How does the story about the miraculous catch of fish help you think about evangelism?
- 3. Which example of faith in Luke 5:12-26 most encourages or challenges you right now, the leper or the friends of the paralytic man? Why?
- 4. What did the Jewish religious leaders think about Jesus? What was the root of their problem? How does the parable in Luke 5:36-39 illustrate what is happening?
- 5. Why were Jesus' words and actions on the Sabbath particularly upsetting to the Pharisees? Why did Jesus call himself "the Son of Man" and "Lord of the Sabbath?"
- 6. Luke often places people or events side by side for us to compare and contrast. Who or what might he be comparing in this section? What is one thing you think he wants us to see through this comparison?
- 7. Based on the examples in these stories, what does it really mean to follow Jesus? What are the implications of this for your life or for your local church?
- 8. Who had faith in these stories and what did it look like? How would you define "faith"? How does faith differ from being religious? How does faith differ from being astonished or amazed?

What is your big take-away from this passage or this discussion? Is there anything you need to confess or yield to God in response to this Truth? What will you praise God for? What will you ask God to do?