



Blessed to be a Blessing

Key idea:

All Christians are blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

Key text:

Luke 5:1-11

5 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, **2** and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. **3** Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. **4** And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." **5** And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." **6** And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. **7** They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." **9** For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."^[a] **11** And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Key points:

1. We must draw near to Christ in order to receive blessings from Christ.
2. Proof that we are close to Jesus is that we are ready to be used by Him.
3. It is at the word of Jesus that blessings come.
4. The greatest blessing we can receive is the call to follow Jesus.
5. We are ready to be a blessing when we are willing to leave the blessing to following the God of the blessing.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to me? Why?
2. Have I thought through what a blessing in my life looks like?
3. Do I have the faith to receive a blessing?
4. Am I willing to part with my blessing in order to be a blessing?
5. Am I doing all I can to position myself for a blessing?
6. How is the Gospel the greatest blessing I have as a Christian?
7. How can I share the Gospel as a blessing?
8. Simon Peter received an abundant blessing after he obeyed the word of God. Did it take faith for Simon Peter to cast his net and obey the word of Christ? If so, why?
9. Who can I be a blessing to this week? Who can I call to encourage this week?
10. What specific BRCC member can I commit to connect with this week?