

Dear Families:

This week, we studied story in the Gospel of Luke, in which Jesus meets His disciples. Jesus was being followed by a large crowd. In order to avoid getting surrounded, Jesus asked a nearby fisherman to put Him in his boat and row out a bit from the shore. In this way, Jesus was able to teach the crowd from the boat. After He was finished teaching, he asked the fisherman (named Simon) to put his net into the water. Simon protested, saying that they had fished all night and had caught nothing. He finally listened to Jesus and cast in his nets. To his surprise, the nets filled to overflowing! So much fish was caught that the nets began to tear, and Simon had to call out for other fishermen to come to his aid. After seeing this miracle, Simon told Jesus that He should go- Simon was a sinner and not worthy to have Jesus anywhere near him. Jesus said that now Simon would be a fisher of men. He told Simon and his friends to leave everything and follow Him. And- they did! Can we leave the temptations of this world behind to follow Jesus today? He is calling you!

Due to lack of students, the next Hot Chocolate sale scheduled for today will take place after church on Sunday February 24. All proceeds will benefit Literacy of Love.

We continue to collect bottle receipts to donate towards Literacy of Love. Any help would be appreciated. Some candles and prayer pockets remain for sale in Fellowship Hall, if you'd like other ways to support us.

Also, I will not be here next Sunday, as we are vacationing in Florida with relatives. Mrs. Smith will be here next week, filling in for me as Sunday School Teacher.

Thanks for joining us today!
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