

Worship Date February 7, 2010
Worship Theme Called to Go Deeper
Scripture Reference Luke 5: 1-11

Materials: Objects that represent trying harder – perhaps a baseball, shoes with laces, a fishing pole. If you wanted to give a snack or an object to remember the lesson, consider burying it beneath packing peanuts so they have to dig deeper.

Have you ever tried something that you were not able to do right away? (Use your objects to support the lesson, like when you started fishing you had to learn the right places and times to fish, or when learning to tie your shoes you had to try several times before you got the knot right). Well, back in Jesus time he was trying to ask people to follow him and some of those people were fishermen. They were out all day trying to catch fish and weren't having any luck. Jesus told them to move their fishing nets to the other side of the boat.

What if when you were first trying to tie your shoes, your mom or dad said to try it from the other side of the room. What would you think? (Give kids a chance to answer) Well, I'm sure those fisherman thought that Jesus was crazy, or making fun of them, but they moved their nets to the other side of the boat and caught so many fish that the net was breaking and they couldn't pull all the fish in. They even had to call other boats to help them with all the fish. Those fisherman were amazed, and some decided to follow Jesus because they realized that he was sent by God.

Last week we talked about faith, hope and love, and as we try to do things in life, if we have faith in God and in ourselves and don't give up hope, He will show us how to accomplish the things we try.

Let's pray. God, as we try to do things for you, we will ask you for help and trust you to show us the way. We won't give up and we will listen for your way. Thanks for loving all of us so much. In Jesus name, Amen.