

**"You Do You"**

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*"In the hidden recesses of the human heart, the grace of a vocation takes the form of a dialogue. It is a dialogue between Christ and an individual, in which a personal invitation is given.*

*Christ calls the person by name and says: "Come, follow me."*

*This call, this mysterious inner voice of Christ, is heard most clearly in silence and prayer. Its acceptance is an act of faith."*

**St. Pope John Paul II**

### **LUKE 5:1-11**

*While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.*

*After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking.*

*When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.*

**Pre-Video Discussion Questions:**

Place yourself in this Scripture passage, this story of Jesus calling Simon Peter to follow Him.

What do you think you would have done in response to this miracle?

Why do you think Simon fell to his knees and said to Jesus, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man?"

What does Jesus' response to Simon say about those He calls to follow him? Do you trust that Jesus calls you even in your own brokenness?

**Post-Video Discussion Questions:**

Fr. Michael poses the question: "Who am I when I sit alone in silence?" How might you answer this today?

Fr. Michael speaks about looking more deeply into who we really are to find who God is calling us to be. What are the barriers you have to exploring those parts of yourself?

Who in your life would you consider friends and/or mentors who can "reveal to you aspects of who you are that you might be blind to," who can or who is already journeying with you spiritually?