

# WELCOME TO BSD

2014-2015



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# **Bible Study Discussion 2014-2015**



**Lesson 14: Calling the Disciples  
Luke 5:1-11, 27-32**



# Memory Verse

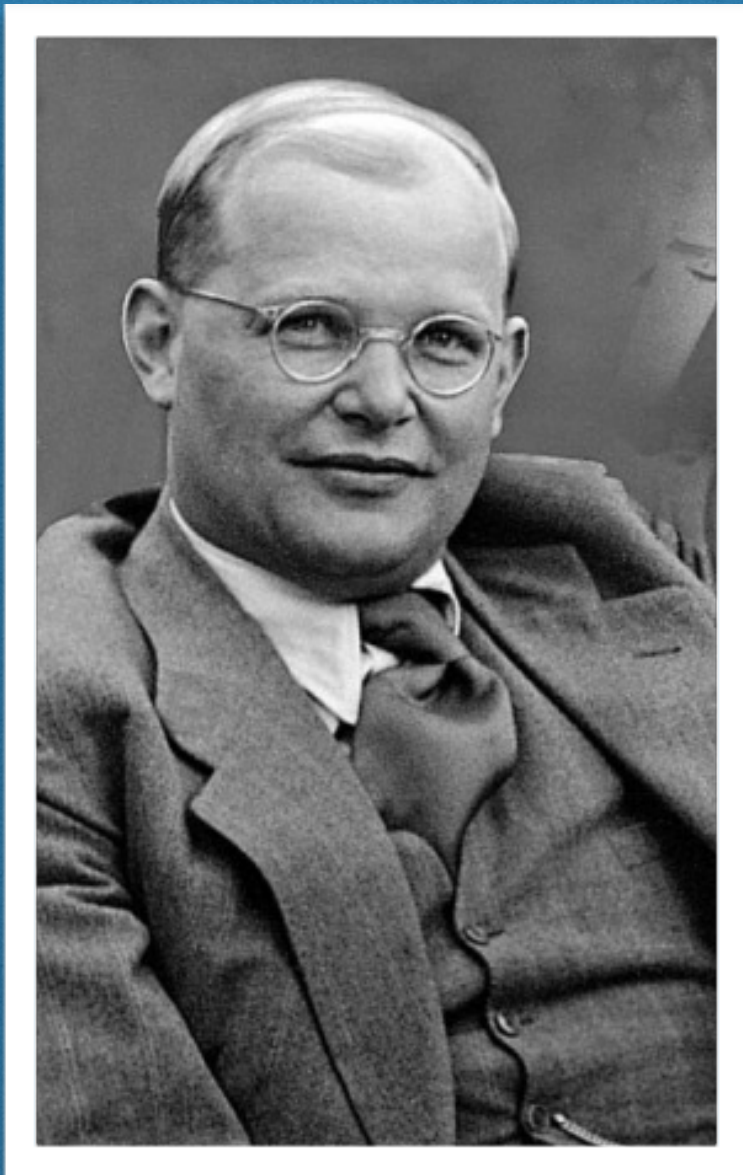


**Jesus answered, “It is written:  
‘Worship the Lord your God  
and serve Him only.’”**

**Luke 4:8**



# Dietrich Bonhoeffer

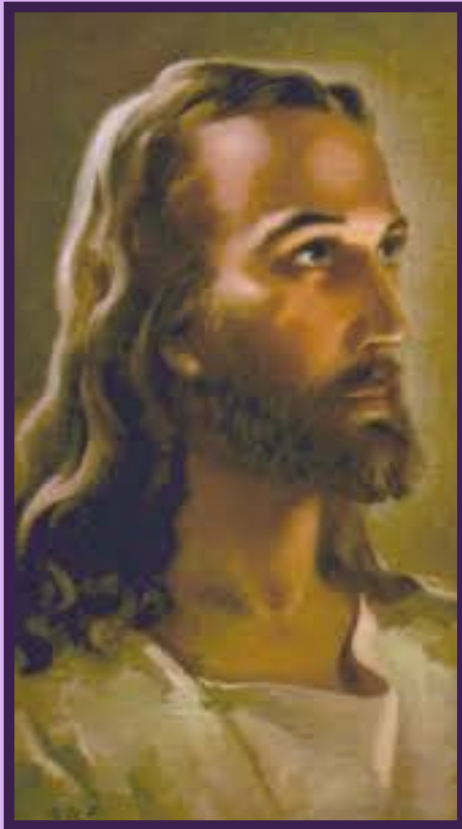


*I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer...kneeling on the floor praying fervently to God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution, he again said a short prayer and then climbed the few steps to the gallows, brave and composed... In the almost fifty years that I worked as a doctor, I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God.*

Camp Doctor at the Concentration Camp



# Perspective



**Jesus**

Caller  
Habits for 2015



**Men**

Responders  
Habits for 2015



# Background



This area is a natural amphitheater with great acoustics for hearing someone speak. People could see Jesus from their vantage point and hear him clearly from his floating pulpit.

This is a 1st century fishing boat excavated in 1986 along the Sea of Galilee also called Lake Gennesaret. It's likely to be similar to the ones used in Jesus' day.





# What do we learn about Jesus from these passages?

## Resourceful

Jesus used a boat as a mobile floatation pulpit in order to speak to the crowd.



## Choosy

- Jesus chose his disciples not visa versa.
- Jesus can see something in us that we can't.
- Jesus will give us the gifts needed to do his will.
- Jesus chose the unexpected.



# What do we learn about Jesus from these passages?

## Experienced Teacher

- He spoke in language and experiences with which the men could identify.
- He gave the Pharisees a heads-up that change is coming, but it will be good change.



## Convincing or Reassuring

After showing the fishermen how to fish with Jesus' help, he asked them to do the same thing with people. If he weren't convincing, they wouldn't have dropped everything and followed.

## Generous

- He provided the crowd with the fish from the enormous catch.
- He gave the Pharisees an answer to the question they asked the disciples.



# What do we learn about Jesus from these passages?



## Calls

- A call is a divine commission or Jesus' personal, individual invitation for you to carry out the unique task He has for you.
- The men had a choice as to whether to follow.
- Jesus' call was for the purpose of **evangelism** or proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God and Jesus as Savior so that those who hear will believe.



# 8 Habits for Fishing in 2015



- Lean on God for wisdom..... Proverbs 1:7
- Be studious..... Proverbs 10:14, 18:15
- Be teachable..... Proverbs 9:8-9, 10:8, 19:20
- Tell the Story in an inviting, joyous manner...Colossians 4:6
- Go where God sends you..... Isaiah 6:8
- Be brave..... Proverbs 30:5, Deuteronomy 31:6-7
- Look for opportunities to share the Gospel...Colossians 4:5
- Be patient..... James 5:7-8



# What do we learn about the men?

## Responders to Jesus' call

### Simon

#### Reluctant or Doubtful

At first Simon wants to inform Jesus that the professional fishermen were unsuccessful with the night fishing. Perhaps he saw Jesus only as a carpenter or teacher.

#### Willing

Simon agrees to give fishing another try. He likely realizes that Jesus is God's agent but not the Messiah.





# What do we learn about the men?

## Responders to Jesus' call

### Simon

#### Insightful

He suddenly realizes that he is a sinner, and Jesus isn't just lucky but Jesus is holy and far superior to him.

#### Humble

How can Jesus command the fish of the lake to obey? Simon recognizes his own unworthiness, but Jesus recognizes Simon's suitability. Simon shows dependence and faith through his humility.

#### Compliant

His loyalty to Jesus took priority over his loyalty to anything else. He left the Super Bowl of catches to follow Jesus.





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## Responders to Jesus' call

### Levi

#### Immediately Obedient

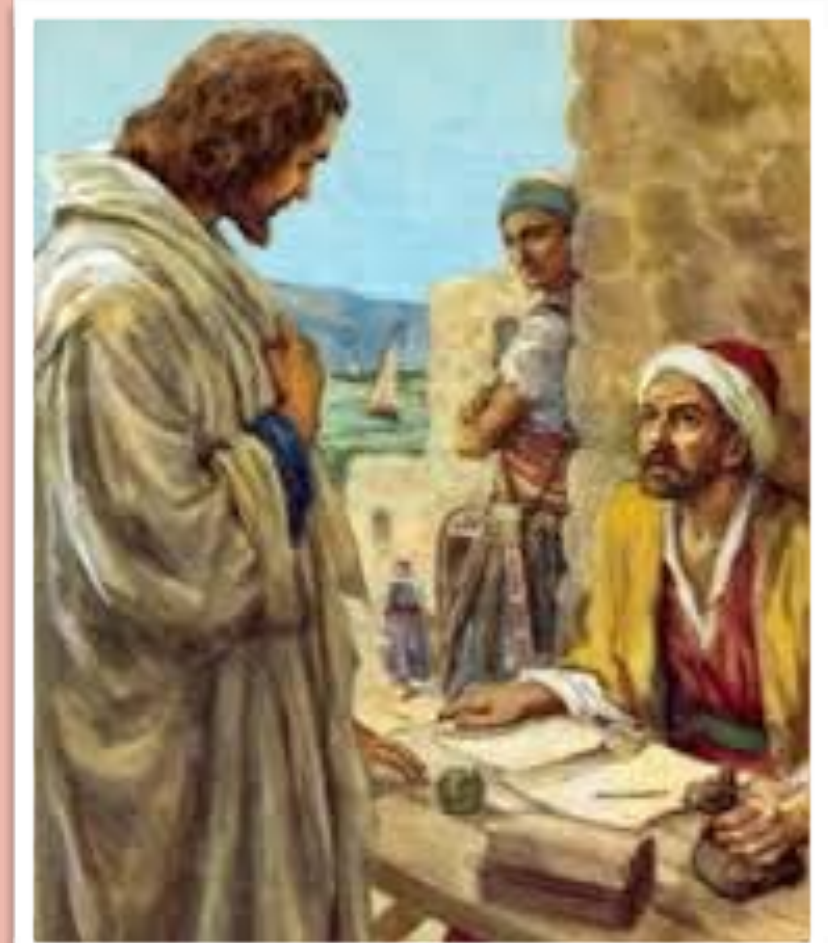
There was no hesitation.

#### Trusting and Brave

With the fishermen, they could return to their fishing if the discipling job didn't work out for them, but not so with Levi. When Levi followed, he left tax collecting forever. He was no longer employable by any government.

#### Joyous and Inclusive

He threw a banquet and invited his tax collecting buddies. There is joy in the inclusiveness of Jesus unlike the joyless ritual of the Pharisees' religion. Joy brings hope.





# Who's Calling?

original script by J. Budziszewski

Focus on the Family

with minor revisions included



# First Law of Discerning the Will of God is Preparation



## 8 Spiritual Habits to Develop

Habit of Prayer

Habit of Distrusting the Desires & Devices of your own Heart

Habit of Patience

Habit of Submission

Habit of Seeking Wisdom - Learning to Know God's Ways

Habit of Bible Study

Habit of Loving God with your whole Heart and  
Loving your Neighbor as Yourself



# Second Law of Discerning the Will of God is Meditation



In the Presence of God, contemplate all the relevant features of the decision. Prayer involves talking and listening to God.

Seek the Advice of Other Christians

Evaluate your decision by considering  
your gifts and talents,  
your weaknesses and tendencies to sin,  
the courses of action available,  
and most importantly, the opportunities each has to  
glorify God and serve your neighbor.



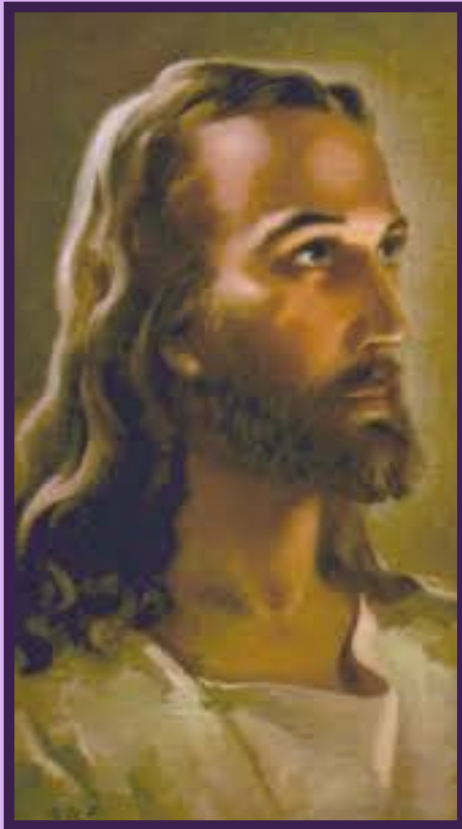
# Third Law of Discerning the Will of God is Obedience



Follow whatever path is wisest.



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## **Applying the Lesson to Your Life**

**Think back into your past.**

**Did Jesus ever give you an invitation to do a  
unique task for Him?**

**What was it, and how did you respond?**

**OR**

**Is Jesus urging you to do something now?  
Explain.**