



## Church is a movement

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EPISODE ONE.

**A movement radicalised to love. Luke 5**

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## A movement radicalised to love

Luke 5 (NIV)

### Jesus calls his first disciples



<sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.' <sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

### **Movement - not being static or stationary. And that is key.**

The people Jesus called were not pew fillers. They met Jesus in the middle of the ordinariness of their lives, just like the first disciples who were just in from a less than successful fishing trip. It's there that Jesus calls them to follow him, to come and walk with him and do life with him. Become his apprentices, his disciples, learning from him and listening to him teach.

### **On the go. Or around the campfire. Or in the marketplace.**



It's a movement - working out what it means to follow Jesus in the middle of the ordinariness of people's lives including our own. That means not being static. It doesn't mean staying inside a building facing the front and listening to someone talk. That is just the way we gather together to remind and encourage each other and celebrate the God we worship together.

**This is simply an event. It is a moment. It isn't the movement.**

The movement is when we take what we are and what we are learning and what we know of who God is and we roll our sleeves up and get engaged in the community and the world around us.

**Being and doing what God calls us to.**

## Questions:

### Following

- Would you describe your following of Jesus as currently static, active, disengaged or disinterested?
- What one thing can you commit to, to change this? Do you want to?

### Church

- Has the event of church become more important than the activity and purpose of church in your own experience?
  - **Yes:** How has this happened?
  - **No:** How has it been avoided?

### Action

- What do you believe church, as a movement following Jesus, should be doing within your own community?