

## Leading others to Christ

**Fishers of Men** : Drawing in the net is often where we are weakest in leading others to Christ.

**Luke 5v1-11** reveals 10 of the more than 70 “Methods of the Master”.  
(Re-read this text in several translations as demonstrated below.)

**1. Luke 5:10 “Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.” ASV**

*The assurance of one’s own salvation is essential. Cf. 1John 5:13 & 1 Peter 3:18  
It is hard for the unsaved to resist such assurance. Cf. Acts 4:13*

**2. Luke 5:10 “Do not fear, from now on you will be taking men alive.” MKJV**

*Only once does Jesus say to use a hook... and that’s for paying taxes. Cf. Matthew 17:27  
Draw others “with cords of love” (Ho11:4), by a net of truth, live & conscious of their decision.*

**3. Luke 5:3 “He asked him to put out a little from the land.” ESV**

*Jesus never “bought converts” by offering services or things. Cf. John 4:7 & 6:26-27  
Ask a service rather than give one. Cf. Mark 11:1 & Luke 19:5*

**4. Luke 5:3 “He sat down and taught the people from the ship.” KJV**

*Be willing to leave your comfort zone. Cf. John 17:5, Philippians 2:5-8 & John 20:21*

**5. Luke 5:4 “Row the boat out.” CEV**

*Jesus didn’t wait in the Temple for people to come, He went to them. Cf. Luke 19:10  
The “seeker church” is not biblical. The disciples left the upper room. Cf. Acts 2:1-11*

**6. Luke 5:4 “Push out into deep water.” ISV**

*It takes effort to seek the lost. Cf. Mark 1:38, 3:20-21 & Matthew 8:24*

**7. Luke 5:6 “They caught a great number of fish.” NKJV**

*Count on the Lord to bring the fish into the net, not our efforts. Cf. Luke 5:5 & Acts 16:14*

**8. Luke 5:8 “He fell down at Jesus’ feet.” NASB**

*Give all the glory to God. Cf. John 6:65 & 1 Corinthians 1:31*

**9. Luke 5:11 “Leaving all they followed him.” JND**

*As in Salvation, we are free to choose. Most Christians don’t ! Cf. 2 Timothy 4:10*

**10. Luke 5:11 “They had brought their boats to land.” WEB**

*They didn’t let them sink, but left all to Christ’s service. Cf. Mark 10:29-30 & Matthew 6:24-33  
We are not to be poor beggars, but capable of earning a living to serve Him. Cf. Acts 18:1-4*