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The Purpose of Jesus the Messiah

Luke 4:42-5:11

42 At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. 43 But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose." 44 So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

Luke 5:1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.
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BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR THINKING PEOPLE

Jesus went to deserted places to pray at the beginning of each day. What does this say about our need to pray each day? What are some of the things Christians could accomplish for God today if they prayed as Jesus prayed?

What did Jesus say was His purpose? What are some of the things He did to achieve His purpose?

List some of the places where Jesus proclaimed His message? What was the response in the various places He preached?

What are some of the things Jesus had done before He ever began to call disciples? What are some things a church needs to have done before it calls for new members to join her?

What are the most outstanding qualities of the first disciples Jesus called? In what ways are those qualities important in those who follow Jesus today?

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