



## Connect Group Notes – 12 June 2012

### INCREASE- Ps Bob Harrison

<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>(D)</sup> **Luke 5:4 (NIV)**

Increase is not about money, but about your mindset. An increase thinker says 'I can change on the inside of me, and this will affect the world around me.' A victim thinker says 'My external circumstances trap me and I cannot change.'

The passage in Luke 5:1-7 is about fishermen who know something about success and increase. We know this because they had their own boat. However as they did their work the way they had done before, this time it was failing. Then they met Jesus. And Jesus told them what to do.

What did Jesus say?

- Firstly, he didn't say to take the boat out and try again. Trying something again with the hope that it will work next time is a recipe for failure. Jesus said to make some changes and then try again. To get a different result you need to make changes.

There are 3 key changes in what Jesus told the fishermen to do. These are also 3 strategies that we can consider whenever we are failing in our endeavours. They involve:

1. **Timing** - Jesus told the fishermen to do something that did not make sense. He told them to take the boat out in the daytime. They would normally fish at night when the fish cannot see the nets. Getting the timing right is integral to success. They had to do something which was not logical to them.
2. **Location** – Sometimes we suffer location frustration. Jesus told them to go and fish somewhere different. To be successful sometimes requires a change in location. When Jesus was in Nazareth he could do very few miracles there. He moved on to another place where he could do minister. Sometimes it is not how we are doing things but where we are trying to do it which is the cause of failure. A change of location to achieve success may just be temporary. Zacchaeus had to climb a tree to be seen by Jesus so he could meet Him.
3. **Going Deeper** – Jesus told them to go out into deeper water. The deep represents something beyond what you would normally do. The fish hadn't disappeared, they had to do something different to find them. They had to try harder, be more determined, and be more committed. Go deeper, dig deeper.

#### ***Verse 7: the purpose of increase***

A key point to note from this verse is what the fishermen did when their boat and nets were full. They did not head for shore, but called in other boats so they also could be filled with the catch.

- The purpose of increase is so you can help others to increase.

- God gives seed to the sower. You will stay full because you are giving what you have and thinking about others.
- Sow to the deep and you will reap from the deep.

***As a man thinks in his heart, so is he... Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)***

- We must believe in the God of 'more than enough'. That He wants success and increase for us in every area of our lives.
- We must make a time for learning. But then take learning and be prepared to let it change us deep down.
- Learning comes through teaching and reading the Word and praying. We must also make time for change.

**TALK ABOUT:**

- \* **Is there an area in your life or an endeavour that is failing?**
- \* **Do you believe that God has a strategy for you to succeed where you are failing?**
- \* **Are you prepared to sow to the deep to reap from the deep?**

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