**BCM Bible Study September 16-17, 2015**

**Luke 5 and 6**

**Read Luke 5:1-11 First disciples**

Is Simon Peter’s reaction what you would expect? From his reaction, what do you think he perceives about Jesus and about himself? What does his response say about who Jesus is? What does this say about who we are?

What do you think about Jesus from these verses?

How might he have responded to “You will be catching people” (KJV: “I will make you fishers of men”)? What do you think it meant to Simon Peter? What does it mean for you?

What does it really mean to follow Jesus? What did it mean for Peter, James, and John? What does it mean for you? Is there anything holding you back from freely following Jesus?

**Read Luke 5:17-26**

The men came for healing, why did Jesus offer forgiveness?

Where are you paralyzed right now – emotionally, spiritually, relationally? What needs to happen for you to take your mat and go home?

 **Read Luke 6:17-26**

What blessing is being promised in v. 20-22? When are these blessings to be experienced – now, in the future, both?

Which promise means most to you right now?

How would you describe the warnings in v. 24-26?

Which warning seems most personal?

What would you add if you could add another “woe” or another “blessings” to counteract the values you hear?

What is taught about God’s kingdom?

**Read Luke 6: 27-36**

How does this description of love challenge you?

How can that be a model for relating to someone you find difficult?

Since applying v. 29-30 all the time could reinforce someone’s bad behavior, what is Jesus’ point?