

# Hope Presbyterian Church

## Sermon-Based Bible Study

February 22, 2026

### “Jesus Sought Me”

#1 in the series *Wandering Heart*

#### Scripture Text

Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)



#### 1. Context and Setting for This Lenten Series

Peter had a wandering heart, but Jesus was always there to catch him, to walk beside him, to wash his feet, and to offer love. In this series, we join Peter in figuring out faith - we will wander alongside him, glimpsing Jesus through his eyes.

- As a commercial fisherman, Peter was based in Galilee. A “blue-collar” man, he was most likely bilingual, speaking Aramaic and Greek and daily constrained by tides and taxes.
- Jesus had begun his teaching ministry but had not yet chosen his disciples.

#### 2. Read Luke 5:1-3.

In this scene near the Lake of Gennesaret (also known as the Sea of Galilee), Jesus had begun his teaching ministry, with the number of people wanting to hear him growing steadily.

- How does this scene show that Jesus meets people in the ordinariness of their lives?
- Have you experienced a time when God “showed up” in the midst of your ordinary circumstances? What happened?

#### 3. Read Luke 5:4-7.

Jesus is aware that Simon’s fishing efforts have been unsuccessful and tells him to cast his nets one more time.

- What do we learn about Simon from his response to being asked to again cast the nets?
- How should we interpret the sudden appearance of the large catch of fish?
- Have you ever experienced a blessing beyond your expectations as a result of Jesus seeking you out?

#### 4. Read Luke 5:8-11.

Peter’s response to Jesus calling him to re-cast his nets invites us to consider the following aspects of our relationship to Him:

- He calls us even when we feel unqualified.
- He seeks us, knowing our limitations.
- He invites us to reorder our priorities.
- Which of these aspects of God’s seeking resonates most with you? Why?
- Where might Jesus be calling you to reorder your priorities?

#### 5. How can we pray for you?