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# *Council Devotions*

*...and followed Him.*

**Read Luke 5:10, 11**

**Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.**

**Ponder:** [In pairs or in groups of 3, discuss what you hear from the reading.]

What is our purpose?

How do we overcome our natural inclination to procrastinate?

Do we intend to ‘catch’ people? How?

**Summarize:** [Hear from the other groups.]

**Pray:**

**‘P’ – praise** the qualities of Christ.

[You may include ‘welcome’, ‘call’, Christ’s invitation...]

**‘R’ – remember** the things God has given you.

[Salvation, life, fellowship, fishing for people...]

**‘A’ – ask** for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations.

[Include those items under consideration at this meeting.]

**‘Y’ – yield** to God’s will.

[Not my will, but yours be done.]

This devotional outline is intended to help you create your own opening devotion for your council meeting. The focus is on some aspect of leadership. It should promote discussion about Jesus and how he worked with his followers. Devotions in this style encourage council members to share their thinking about the role of leadership. This is a guide only and should be adapted to the time available and to your group. This opening devotion may take 5 – 10 minutes to conduct, but it will take a little preparation on your part. Read Luke 5: 1 – 11. The same assurance and invitation echo to us today. Possible themes may be: taking risks, having courage, investing our time in important things, responding immediately, ‘catching’ people with the gospel.