

**CAPERNAUM** (*Kfar Nachum*) - located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, means “Village of Nahum.” It was the center of Jesus’ Galilean ministry and the home of several disciples. The Via Maris trade road went through the town. In addition to the Romans taxing goods passing through, it was an ideal location for spreading a message, as the road connected Europe and Asia to the north and Africa to the south. Capernaum was a center for the early Jesus movement, with a formal church built over Peter’s house in the 5th century.



**TABGHA** (*Heptageon, Ein Sheva - “Seven Springs”*) - Located 2.5 miles west of Capernaum is the traditional location of both miraculous catches of fish (Luke 5 and John 21). The warm springs cause the fish to gather. Tabgha is also where we remember Jesus’ beautiful restoration of Peter after his three denials.



**Setting of Lesson 14 - Capernaum and Tabgha**



*Walking in His Dust (Luke 5:8): Talmidim keep our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in balance.* Romans 12:16 - “Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ in your own estimation.”

*Memory Verse #14: Matthew 4:19 - “\_\_\_\_\_ and I will make you \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”*

**Lesson notes & questions:**

**Lesson Reflections** (*review before Apply nights*):

- What is at least one new thing I learned about loving God or my neighbor?
- Which topics would I like to know more about or need clarification?
- How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply the lesson’s Scripture to my discipleship?



“Go make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20)

**Word Wednesday Lesson 14 – Capernaum Luke 4:31-5:11**

**APPLY!**

- Share your “Lesson Reflections” responses with the group.
- **Read Luke 4:31-37.**
  - In what ways does Jesus do things with “authority”?
  - **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** What does it mean that Jesus again references this authority in the context of giving the Great Commission?
- **Read Luke 4:38-44**
  - Why does Jesus not permit the demons to speak?
- **Read Luke 5:1-5.**
  - Verses 1-3: In John 4, Jesus was at a well in need of a waterpot, and here He is by a lake in need of a boat. What do we learn from this about connecting with others practically before entering into a spiritual discussion?
  - Verses 4-5: Peter had just heard the teaching with authority and seen the works of authority, yet we can hear the skepticism in verse 5. It’s much easier to give our intellectual agreement that Jesus has “authority” than it is to submit to that authority. How can we bridge that gap as disciples?
- **Read Luke 5:6-11.**
  - Why does Peter tell Jesus to “go away from me”?
  - Compare the title Peter uses in verse 5 with the one he uses in verse 10. What does this tell us about the change in Peter’s heart?
  - Why doesn’t Jesus rebuke Peter for his lack of faith in this setting?
  - What is the application for us as disciples from Luke 5:1-11?
  - Are we willing to love Him and follow Him no matter where He takes us and no matter the cost?
- **Read John 21:3-6 and 15-19.**
  - According to tradition, both miraculous catches of fish happened at Tabgha. In John 21, Peter certainly would have recalled the events of Luke 5. What emotions might Peter have been feeling upon hearing “Follow me” for a second time? What does it mean for our walk as disciples that this type of restoration is available when we fail?

**GO!**

**What is God saying to you, and how are you responding?**

**What is something you are excited about right now?**

**What is a big challenge you are facing right now?**

**Who is on your heart right now and why?**

**Review the last lesson’s GO section. What prayers has God answered?**

**Pray for one another!**