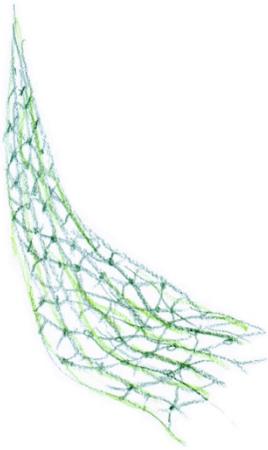


Food for Thought

Casting Our Net on the Right Side



Picture the Lord's disciples, fishing all night on the Sea of Galilee. It was dark as they cast their net into the water. When morning came, Jesus stood on the shore. He asked, "Children, have you any food?" They answered "No" as they had not caught any fish.

By their own effort in the dark of night, the disciples could not catch any fish. But in the morning, the Lord told them to cast their net on the right side. They caught 153 large fish and the net was too full for the disciples to pull it into the boat. As we learn to "fish" for truth in the Lord's Word, He can help us learn to live according to His teachings.

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Consider the questions then choose one to discuss further or use as a journal prompt.

- Why is it impossible to catch fish (truths) when it is spiritually night-time?
- The Lord asked the disciples a question before He helped them. Why?
- The custom was for fishermen to cast a net on the left side of the boat and then pull it into the boat. Casting a net on the left side means wanting to do things our own way and relying on ourselves. How does this explain why the disciples didn't catch anything during the night?
- Casting a net on the right side of the boat involves acknowledging that we need the Lord's help to see what is good and true.
- What part did the disciples have in catching the fish and bringing them to shore? If our mind is like a net and fish are like truths, how can we do our part to fill our nets with fish?
- If you were to pray to the Lord for spiritual nourishment, what would you ask for?

