

# New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which  
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*  
(2 Tim. 3:15)



## The Importance of Scripture

{Luke 5:1-7}

v.1) *“And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,”*

- “it came to pass...” – literally means “now it happened”. This means that an undetermined amount of time has passed following the events at the end of chapter 4.
- Jesus is still in Galilee where He’s been healing and casting out demons {Lk. 4:40,41}, and preaching the word {Lk. 4:44}.
- “pressed upon Him...” – the were pushing Jesus to the edge of the water.
- The Jewish historian Josephus estimated that the population of Galilee ws about three million people and many of them lived around the lake of Gennesaret (*Sea of Galilee, sea of Tiberius, or Sea of Chinnereth*).
- “hear the word of God...” – Jesus was a gifted communicator and He never neglected an opportunity to preach the Word.
- These people displayed a desire to hear the word of God because it had value to them. We need to search our hearts and ask God to help us value His Word. {Ps. 119:105}

v.2, 3) *“And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. (\*) And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.”*

- “washing their nets” – fishermen had to wash their nets to remove debris such as dead fish and plants as well as keeping the nets from rotting and eventually breaking. Fish can see a dirty and that makes fishing more difficult.
- We see an aspect of their character that would make them good potential disciples...they were hard workers!

