



Church Vision 2026 The Miraculous Catch - Nets

John Bodily – 15 Feb 2026 ([watch talk here](#))

John highlighted the bible story underpinning this year's church vision from Luke 5: 2:11 and again drew out these 3 reflections:

1. **Multiplication of disciples** – a miraculous catch of 'fish' (Verse 6) which perhaps reflects something of what we're seeing here at Trent with increasing numbers of people coming on Sundays, many prompted to explore faith.
2. **Counterintuitive obedience** – doing what Jesus says, even if we've done it before and had poor results - *'we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, we will let down the nets'* (Verse 5)
3. **Strengthening the nets** - a more figurative, prophetic interpretation of the story – prompting us to ask ourselves *'do we have 'nets' – the pastoral and discipleship threads of the church - strong enough to catch the fish and bring them safely to shore?'* (Verse 6)

John contrasted this story with a similar event we read about three years later in John 21:1-14, noting that even when things are repeated they are never quite the same. There's always something new to learn; new challenges; new invitations.

First time (Luke 5:2-11)	Second time (John 21:1-14)
Calling	Calling
Commissioning	Recommissioning
Establishing relationships	Reconciling and restoring relationships
Looking forward	Fulfilment

Reflect and discuss

- Read Luke 5:2-11 and/or John 21:1-14. Where in the story do you find yourself? Who do you most identify with? What is drawing your attention? How are you experiencing Jesus in this story?
- John invited us to consider putting our 'nets' down again and again. What does this mean to you? What is stirred within you as you consider this e.g. thoughts, emotions, internal responses? What is challenging? What is the invitation to you personally?
- If the 'nets' are, prophetically speaking, representative of the pastoral and discipleship threads of the church, what is your part to play in this?

Pray

Spend time in smaller groups praying for one another in response to what has emerged.

Date for your diary!

The 'Freedom Weekend' 9-11 October