

DCPC This Sunday
February 10, 2019
5th Sunday after Epiphany

“Encountering the Holy”

Isaiah 61:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

In our scripture readings this we have two “call” stories in which both Isaiah and Peter have “epiphanies” or encounters with the holy—with God.

In the Isaiah reading, we hear a call to simply go—without knowledge of what may come or how everything will end. *“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”* God asks. Send where? To do what? This call elicits many clarifying questions. But Isaiah, without question or curiosity about the end result (or even what the journey will look like), responds with enthusiasm: *“Here am I; send me!”*

In a similar way, in our reading from Luke this week, Jesus essentially calls Simon to a project without clear results. *“Put out into the deep water,”* he says, *“and let down your nets for a catch.”* There is no indication of what this catch will be. A good one? Just adequate, or abundant?

Like Isaiah, like Simon Peter, and like all the others who go before us, we are called in the midst of our daily lives to serve in God’s mission for the world. Cast your nets, write your papers, teach your students, balance financial accounts, design the buildings, pour the concrete, make the lattes, lead the meetings, administer the IVs, answer the phones, sing the arias. Do what you know how to do, and Jesus will use it to draw others into the kingdom of God.