

Luke 5:3

Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

Can you imagine the scene here? *So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret. Luke 5:1* Then Jesus got into one of the boats and started to teach the people.

Imagine if you were there in the crowd and heard Jesus teaching. Would you think, *"I wish so and so were here to hear this."* How many times have we done that in church, hearing a message and wishing that a friend or coworker or family member were there right now to hear this message.

It may be true; the Lord could speak to them through that message. But you also have to be careful when you do that, because really, the "so and so" that should be there hearing the message is you, because if the Lord wanted that person there, He would have had them there listening to the message.

All the people that were listening to Jesus teach, were all the ones the Lord knew needed to be there to hear His message. Now it doesn't mean you can't share what you learned with others, just like these people probably went around telling their friends and family members what Jesus had said.

But don't dismiss the fact that the Lord wants to speak to you personally, that's why you are there. If you get so caught up on who should be hearing the message, you can miss what the Lord is wanting to say to you.

† **Deuteronomy 5:1** *And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.*