

Let's Go Fishing

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them,

"Follow me, and I will make you _____."

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. Mark 1

WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS WILL MAKE YOU IF YOU FOLLOW HIM?

- V. 14-15: "God is here and He is doing something that you've been waiting for since Abraham! Turn your heart and affection and mind toward Him. You don't want to miss this!"
- V. 16-18: "I'm going to make you into something you are not."
- V. 19-20:

TO FOLLOW JESUS IS TO FISH! FOLLOWERS FISH!

- Here we are 2000 years later worshipping the same Jewish carpenter and commemorating those who followed Jesus and went fishing...and by the Spirit's power reeled us in; and now we're on the stringer of God's forever family!
- All throughout the N.T. we see a correlation between following Jesus and being a fisher of men.
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Jesus: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1

WE ARE EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT TO DO IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE IN OUR LIVES!

- How many of you signed up to be a Christian, a follower of Christ, in order to be a fisher of men?
- _____Me/My _____Me/My _____Me/My _____Me/My _____Me/My
- This was true of the disciples, too! (Luke 5)

"FOLLOW ME AND I'LL USE ALL YOUR 'STUFF,' REDEEM IT, AND GIVE IT ETERNAL VALUE, AS I MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

- The promise of Pentecost: Our Heavenly Father takes all of our temporal & temporary stuff (experiences and relationships that consume our thinking and praying) and gives it eternal value as He makes us fishers of men.
- Our Heavenly Father takes all of our unique stuff (the good, the bad, and the ugly) and uses it to make us into followers who fish in perfectly positioned places in order to influence specific individuals. (Divine appointments)
- Don't miss the opportunities that God has been preparing for you to walk in, to be a fisher of men.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

NEXT WEEK WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT "WHY" WE FISH HOMEWORK