



Fishers of Men

*Matthew 4:18-20, "And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and **I will make you fishers of men.** And they straightway left the nets, and followed him."*

- ▶ The invitation for fishermen.
- ▶ The preparation of fishermen.
- ▶ The qualities.
- ▶ The attitudes of good fishermen.

The Invitation

- ▶ Jesus, the supreme seeker of men. cf. John 10:10-13; Luke 15:4; cf. Philippians 2:5
 - Cared for the Lost. 2 Corinthians 8:9
- ▶ Apostles suffered. cf. Acts 4:21; 5:17; 5:40-42; Acts 6-7 Stephen
 - Acts 8:4, "*They therefore that were scattered abroad, went about preaching the word.*"
- ▶ Admonition to us. cf. Matthew 28:18ff
 - To Peter and John He said, "Follow me and I will make you to **become** fishers of men." Mark 1:17

Preparation

- ▶ Jesus *“appointed twelve, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach” Mark 3:14*
 - They were to be with him. cf. Acts 4:13
 - Learning necessary. Matthew 11:28
 - Prayer and commitment necessary. cf. Matthew 22:37
- ▶ False notions.
 - Must master the ability to speak smoothly. cf. John 1:40-42
 - Must master the Bible. cf. Hebrews 5:11-12
- ▶ **Can I teach others about Jesus if I don't know Him? 1 John 2:3-4**
- ▶ **Can I convert others if I am not converted?**

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Personal Qualities

- ▶ Patience. Hebrews 10:35-36; Galatians 6:9; Colossians 1:10-11
- ▶ Selective. John 16:12
- ▶ Persistent. Acts 3:12; 4:8; 5:30; Acts 14:19-22
- ▶ Courageous.
 - World can be troublesome. Acts 17:6
 - Before Jewish court. cf. Acts 4:7-12; 5:28-32; Acts 6:7
 - Paul before governors. Acts 24; 25; 26
 - Persecutor. 1 Timothy 1:12-13
 - Publicans and harlots. Matthew 21:31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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Personal Qualities

- ▶ Industrious. Luke 15
- ▶ Alert. John 4

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Proper Attitudes Toward:

- ▶ The person he is teaching. Matthew 16:26
- ▶ The good news being taught. Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:21; John 20:30-31; John 12:48; Acts 20:20, 26
 - ***“Unsearchable riches.” Ephesians 3:8***
- ▶ The power of love to bring them together.
 - God loves the sinner. John 3:16; Romans 5:8; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:11
 - ***1 Corinthians 15:10, “I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”***

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Conclusion:

- ▶ Awesome responsibility.
 - Each Christian responsible. 1 Timothy 4:16
 - ***2 Timothy 2:2, “And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”***

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