

Gone Fishing

We know the Great Commission. **Matt 28:18-20**

This morning we will consider a second command. **Matthew 4:18-20**

COME, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO FISH FOR PEOPLE

The majority of Christians today give little or no thought of following.

“We have drifted away from being fishers of men to being keepers of the aquarium.”

-Paul Harvey

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

a. “Follow me” is not the invitation to be saved; it is the call of the believer to service.

b. Followers of Christ must exchange their affections, goals, and priorities for his.

When Jesus called Peter and Andrew their goal was to be successful fishermen.

Jesus commanded them to follow him. He would make them fishers of men.

II. HOW DOES FISHING FOR MEN RELATE TO FOLLOWING CHRIST? Luke 5:1-11

They fished with nets and experience taught the best fishing took place at night.

They used a very powerful and effective method, light.

Fish were attracted to light.

III. HOW ARE WE TO COMPARE FISHING TO REACHING PEOPLE FOR JESUS?

John 8:12

Just as fish were attracted to the disciples light,

God wants people to be drawn to His light shining through His people.

The light of every believer is the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives.

II Corinthians 4:5-7

We are not the light we merely reflect the light of Jesus.

IV. WHAT DOES IT REQUIRE TO FOLLOW JESUS?

It requires complete and immediate attachment to Jesus over everything else.

a. Following Christ is to take precedence over everything else in life.

b. It requires a willingness to exchange ones affections, goals, and priorities for his.

V. WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO AS CHRISTIANS?

Jesus wants us to follow him.

Are you willing to:

- Lay aside your personal ambition and plans in order to fully follow Christ.
- Make the Purpose of your life to better reflect the light of Christ to those around you.
- Look for and take opportunities to share with others what Jesus has done for you.

Jesus said; *“Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” Luke 5:10*

Let’s hang the sign this morning!!! **“GONE FISHING”**