

You Can Go Fishing for Men If You Leave Your Nets

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Matthew 4:18-20

¹⁸ *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.*

¹⁹ *“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”* ²⁰ *At once they left their nets and followed him.*

I. When Life Becomes Routine

A. Jesus offers us a meaningful life.

B. People are more important than things.

C. Serving Jesus is fulfilling.

BUT...Sometimes believers need a nudge to see the potential.

II. Examples of How Jesus Equipped His Disciples:

Luke 9:1-6

Luke 10:1-7 and following.

A. He sent them on a mission to:

1. Be bold (verse 1)
2. Be prayerful (see opportunities) (verse 2)
3. Be careful (verse 3)
4. Be intentional (verse 4)

B. He sent them with these assignments:

1. He gave them authority over the Evil One.
2. He told them to seek receptive people.
3. He challenged them not to “get stuck” if people are not interested.

III. The Results of the Mission Experience:

Luke 10:17

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

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A. From the ones who were sent:

New joy

New “power”

B. From Jesus

Luke 10:21

²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.”

He had **joy** and was **pleased**.

C. From the entire experience
they were being equipped to:

1. **See** (the opportunities)
2. **Start** (the conversation)
3. **Share** (the hope)

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IV. So What?!

What does it mean to fish for people?

Friendly

Initiate

S listen to their STORY

Hope

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