

Gone Fishing

Matthew 4:18-19 - “One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

1. Jesus calls each of us to become fishers of people. “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” Matthew 4:19. *John 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 3:7*

2. Jesus gives us the opportunity to join Him in the greatest fishing expedition ever. “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” John 20:21. *2 Corinthians 5:11-21*

Verse 14: Christ’s love controls us. - We fish... because we’ve been loved, and we love. We give what we’ve been given, we want people to experience what we have.

Verse 16: We have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. - We fish... because we see people from Christ’s point of view- as precious and eternal.

Verse 20: We are Christ’s ambassadors. - We fish... because we understand we are a part of God’s plan to attract every man to Him.

3. We attract people to Christ where we live by letting them experience Christ’s love in us. “Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance.” 2 Corinthians 2:15. *2 Corinthians 2:14-15; Acts 1:8; John 13:34-35; John 17:23; Romans 15:7; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13*

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

Matthew 10:16-20

Matthew 10:21-25; Philippians 3:8-14

Matthew 10:26-31

Matthew 10:32-39

Matthew 1:40-42; Hebrews 12:1-4

Galatians 6:7-10,

Galatians 6:14-16

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think about the world and people from God’s perspective; that His purpose and goal is to catch people with His love? Discuss God’s heart and perspective toward people.
2. How aware are you of being a fisher of people? How does it make you feel to be a part of God’s eternal plan for people?
3. How intentional are you about attracting people to Christ? Do you think about how you are being viewed and interpreted?
4. Are you a lover of people? Do you see them as eternal and precious, the way Christ sees them?
5. If you see people as eternal and precious, and realize Christ values their soul, how does it change your approach to them?