

Gone Fishing: The Cost and Joy of Fishing for People

1. Fishing for people is costly; it cost Jesus everything- it will cost us something. “If you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.” - Jesus. *Philippians 2:6-11; John 20:21; Matthew 10:16-18; Matthew 10:21-25,28-31; Matthew 16:24-27; Matthew 10:32-42*

Comfort-
Position-
Reputation-
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Life-

2. Fishing for people is everything. Nothing compares to the eternal joy of catching lost, precious souls. “There is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.” - Jesus. *Luke 19:10; Luke 15:10; Philippians 2:9-11; Matthew 5:11-12; Philippians 2:17*

3. Fishing for people is loving people; we care enough to share Christ’s love. “Don’t be selfish” - Paul the Apostle. *Philippians 2:3-5; Matthew 7:13; Hebrews 12:2-4*

Next Week’s Reading Guide:
Isaiah 61:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20
John 21:1-6
Romans 1:16-17; Mark 2:13-17
2 Corinthians 4:3-4
1 Corinthians 6:19-20
1 Corinthians 9:19-23
Matthew 22:1-14

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss in more detail all the ways it cost Jesus to come fish for us.
2. Share some of the ways it has cost you to be a fisher of people.
3. Share about one person you have had the joy of fishing for.
4. Have you made a catch, helped someone actually come to faith in Christ? Share.
5. Do you think much about what it means to really love someone? Can we say we love people if we neglect their eternal condition? Discuss and pray for more compassion.