



## #5 Fishers of Men

Luke 5:1-11 (ESV)

### A. Four Marks of Fishers of Men (fruitful in evangelism)

#### 1. They teach the **WORD OF GOD** (Luke 5:1)

- The word of God is alive and active (Hebrews 4:12)
- *2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

#### 2. They **OBEY** God and are **EMPOWERED** by Him (Luke 5:5)

- Peter obeyed Jesus and dropped his nets even though it made no sense
  - He obeyed because of WHO gave the command
- God empowers Fishers of Men because He is in the business of **TRANSFORMATION**
  - God wants to empower you in order to transform you, but you must be willing to obey and make the first move

#### 3. They **HUMBLE** themselves before God (Luke 5:8)

- God is looking for humble people who are willing to listen
- Cocky witnesses are a contradiction to the Gospel message

#### 4. They **TREASURE CHRIST** above all (Luke 5:11)

- Peter leaves everything, including the catch of a lifetime, to follow Jesus

- Fishers of Men gladly leave their old ways behind to follow Jesus
- *Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

### B. Is every Christian called to **EVANGELIZE**?

- Evangelism is a fundamental part of what it means to be a disciple
- “Ordinary” Christians sharing their faith is how Christianity *has* and *will* spread
- “The chief agents in the expansion of Christianity appear not to have been those who made it a profession or a major part of their occupation, but men and women who earned their livelihood in some purely secular manner and spoke of their faith to those whom they met in this natural fashion.” – Kenneth Scott Latourette

### C. There is not one **PERSONALITY** type best suited to share the Gospel

- There are people who aren’t going to believe the Gospel until they hear it from somebody exactly like you

### D. There are many different **APPROACHES** to sharing your faith

- Peter – Confrontational Approach
- Paul – Intellectual Approach
- Matthew – Relational Approach
- Woman At The Well – Testimonial Approach

Will you receive the invitation?  
“Follow Me, and I will make you Fishers of Men”  
(Matthew 4:19)