



MISSION WEEKS

Wednesday, September 22, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: The Call of Christ

Message Text: Matthew 4:18-22

Introduction:

Jesus came down to earth with one mission, *to seek and to save the lost*. Amazingly, he called men to *follow* Him so that he could equip them to participate in His mission. He was not calling them to join an organization, embrace a strategy or to promote a brand. He was calling them to follow Him. Christ is still extending this call to you and me. Will you heed His call?

1. A Consuming _____ (18)

Matthew 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

John 1:40–42 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

THEY WERE CASTING NETS BECAUSE THEY WERE _____.

NOTE — Their identity was their occupation.

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Luke 12:20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

2. A Clear _____ (19)

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

DEFINITION—FOLLOW ME: come! to behave in accordance or in agreement with

Matthew 11:28–30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

John 4:4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

THEY WOULD FISH FOR MEN BECAUSE THEY _____ CHRIST.

NOTE — Only _____ in _____ unchurched Americans say a Christian has ever shared with them one-on-one how a person becomes a Christian. — Lifeway Research

3. The Correct _____ (20-22)

Matthew 4:20–22 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

DEFINITION—LEFT: to leave behind; to intentionally depart and not take along

DEFINITION—FOLLOWED: to behave in accordance or in agreement with; follow fully

NOTE — Following Jesus will require us to leave somethings.

NOTE — In the course of following Jesus, they would lead people to Jesus.

John 12:20–22 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: 21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. 22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

Acts 3:1–6 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Romans 12:1–2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

NOT EVERY BELIEVER IS CALLED TO LEAVE THEIR _____, BUT EVERY
BELIEVER IS CALLED TO _____ JESUS AND TO _____ A FISHER OF
MEN.

Conclusion

