

Message Notes

JESUS part 5: Gone Fishing

Mark 1:14-20

→ it's enjoyable to be a part of something big

#1 We were designed with a desire to **make a difference**.

→ Jesus came with news not a system - **vs. 14-15**

→ Jesus speaks to fishermen - **vs. 16-20, Luke 5**

#2 Purpose doesn't **change** your life. It's the result of a **changed** life.

→ the tendency to make the Christian life all about "getting"

→ Jesus had a plan for our involvement - **vs. 17**

#3 **Followers** of Jesus are **fishers** of people.

→ naturally, we make excuses

#4 The **biggest** difference you can make is an **eternal** difference.

→ a strategy to consider - **Matthew 5:16**

Group Questions

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1. Have you ever been in a season of life when you felt like you had limited purpose? Explain the situation. How did you get through it?

2. **Read Mark 1:14-15.** Jesus came with good news and not a system for getting "right" with God. Share how this makes a difference in how you feel about God, about faith, and about the future.

3. **Read Mark 1:16-20.** Why do you think the disciples first wanted to follow Jesus?

According to Jesus, what was His agenda for them?

4. **React to this statement.** Faith is personal. I don't feel comfortable talking about it with others.

5. What obstacles keep you from "fishing for people?"

Can you name some people in the Bible who made excuses about sharing God's Word?

What promises or direction from the Bible can help with these obstacles or excuses?

6. Looking back on things, have you ever missed an opportunity? Explain.

7. **Read Matthew 5:16.** Explain how this verse can be a strategy for sharing the Good News.

Are there any dangers to be aware of?