

Do You Have A ‘Fish Story’ to Tell?



THE WORK OF EVANGELISM!

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There is nothing like a great fish story; a story of the approach, strategy, execution, and reward from a day of fishing. Sometimes what remains is only a big “fish story,” but often what remains are the stories of the experience and a wonderful time spent from a day on the water.

Jesus’ earliest disciples knew all about fishing, but they could have never begun to grasp the full extent of what one itinerant preacher from Nazareth could have meant when he said to them, “I want to make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). Jesus was calling them to the task of no longer fishing for fish, but *fishing for souls*. The exercise would take place not just over water, but over land and sea and the work would no longer make use of a net of rope, but of a message of the gospel filled with grace and applied by the Spirit.

The calling to the task of fishing for souls has not changed and as is important today as it was then. And the responsibility to the work of fishing is not just for the professionals and for those who are more gifted at the task, but for all those who profess faith in Jesus Christ. The work of evangelism is the call to all, but the one the church of Jesus Christ has often neglected. Clearly, the work of fishing for souls is not simply a human endeavor, but a divine work of grace. God doesn’t need you and me to catch any fish, nevertheless, he chooses anyone who has the courage and willingness to drop the net or cast a line of grace into the water to catch souls for him and reel them into Jesus.

Join us at Evangelical Congregational Church starting September 17th as Pastor Tim deals with four questions: What is Evangelism? What is our message? What should be our method? How do we respond to objections?

