

# Fishing For Men

Matthew 4:18-22 & Romans 10:14-15  
And Selected Scriptures

Introduction: SEE: Lk. 5:1-11

"I will make you" - how did Jesus "make" them such fishers of men?

1. By His example (Jn. 4; Mt. 9:9-13)
2. By His command (2 by 2; Mk. 16:15; Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)
3. By His enablement (Jn. 15:7-8, 16)

## I. Be a Fisher of Men!

1. Our "lake" is the world (Jn. 3:16; Mk. 16:15)
2. Our "net" is the Gospel (I Cor. 1:17-18, 2:1-5)
3. Our "fish" are lost sinners (Rom. 3:23)

Why did Jesus refer to evangelism as "fishing"?

- 1) Because evangelism like "fishing" requires patience
- 2) Because evangelism like "fishing" demands work and discipline
- 3) Because evangelism like "fishing" requires perseverance
- 4) Because evangelism like "fishing" requires dependence upon God

***To share the Gospel is to proclaim:***

**An ESSENTIAL message (Romans 10:14-15)**

1. The essential of believing the Gospel
2. The essential of hearing the Gospel
3. The essential of proclaiming the Gospel
4. The essential of God's commission

## II. Why should I fish for men?

- A. Because of four calls to evangelism
  1. There is a call from within (Jn. 4:27-30)
  2. There is a call from without (Acts 16:6-10)
  3. There is a call from above (Mk. 16:15; Ezek. 3:17-18, 33:1-11; Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
  4. There is a call from below (Lk. 16:19-31)
- B. Because we are God's only plan
- C. Because all men are spiritually blind (II Cor. 4:4)
- D. Because of the power available to us
- E. Because it is a sin not to witness