

***Fishers of Men***  
**Matthew 4:12-25**  
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Main Point:

As His disciple, Jesus uses you to call the lost out of darkness; therefore, confidently, whole-heartedly, and joyfully share the gospel of the kingdom with all people.

1. All humanity, by nature, sits in darkness.
2. Jesus came to deliver the lost out of darkness.
3. Jesus continues to call the lost out of darkness through the ministry of His disciples.
4. Confidently, whole-heartedly, and joyfully share the gospel of the kingdom with all people.

**Quotations and Cross-References**

**Colossians 1:13-14** <sup>13</sup> He [Jesus] has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (NKJV)

**Acts 26:18** [speaking of the reason why Paul is being sent to preach to the Gentiles] <sup>18</sup> 'to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (NKJV)

**Romans 5:12** <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned (NKJV)

**John Legg** "They [the healings] were examples of deliverance from illness and threatened death that illustrated the salvation which he had come both to announce and to achieve."

**John 8:12**, <sup>12</sup> ... "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (NKJV)

**Matthew 10:5-8** <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup> "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. (NKJV)

**Matthew 28:18-20** <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJV)

**John Legg** "The healing of all those diseases tells us that no one today is beyond his grace and mercy."

**1 Peter 2:9** <sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NKJV)