

Let's Go Fishing
Mark 1:16-20

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I. Fishermen are called to follow. Mark 1:16-18

The people God called and used for His service were not wise, mighty, or noble. God did not call them because of what they were; but, He called them, _____ of what they were! **1 Corinthians 1:26-27**

- To answer the call from the King, demonstrates that true repentance and believing in the Gospel results in _____ one's former life to follow Jesus from then on.

After Peter was surrendered to the Holy Spirit; he became one of the mightiest _____ of the Lord. **Acts 2:40-41**

- Andrew was known for _____ people to Jesus. After Andrew discovered Jesus, he immediately went and told his brother Simon Peter about the Messiah and brought Peter to Jesus.

When a person truly _____ Jesus, they begin to lose their own self-absorption and self-centeredness, while drawing others to their redeemer and King. They become fishers of men!

II. More fishermen called. Mark 1:19-20

Like Andrew and Peter, James and John obey Jesus' call to follow Him; but, like the other two fishermen, they also had _____ beginnings.

- The lesson for us is that whatever our characteristics or gifts; when we dedicate them to our Lord's service, we will accomplish great things for His _____.

The kind of love Jesus wants us to demonstrate is a self-_____ love focusing on others.

- James and John learned how to prepare the fishing equipment, so later they could equip the _____ to follow the Lord, just as they had learned to follow Jesus.

III. Conclusion.

If we are in Christ, we are all a work in progress and the Lord will use our life circumstances, His Spirit, His Word, and prayer to chisel us more into His image, as He _____ us for the call.

- To truly follow Christ is to put Him _____ in your life, and to surrender to His lead. As the disciples followed Jesus wherever He went; we are to follow Him as well.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. *Why do you think Jesus chose fishermen to be His disciples instead of more educated alternatives?*
1 Corinthians 1:26-27, 1 Samuel 16:1-7, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
2. *What did Jesus call them to? What does it mean to truly answer the Lord's call according to point I. of the sermon note sheet? How did this call affect their lives? What did it change?*
Romans 12:1-2, Exodus 20:3, Matthew 22:37
3. *Explain the phrases "follow me" and "fishers of men." How would they become fishers of men? What was their response?*
4. *Name the four fishermen in Mark 1:16-20. What were they most known for? Who do you personally most identify with; from these four men?*
5. *Discuss some of the mistakes Peter made while following Jesus. Discuss some of the successes Peter had while following Jesus.*
Matthew 14:28-29, Matthew 16:22, Matthew 17:4, John 18:10, Acts 2:40-41
6. *What possible risks might these fishermen face by following Jesus? What possible reasons/excuses might they have had for not answering His call?*
Luke 14:26-27, Luke 9:23-26, Mark 13:12-13
7. *Discuss the conclusion of the sermon. Is there anything we need to do based on this passage?*

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