



Following Jesus

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Matthew 4:18-22; Exodus 12:12-13

Notes:

Midweek Small Group Discussion:

Matthew 4:1-17

Read Matthew 4:1-17. Kyle's message focused on Jesus' calling the first disciples to be fishers of men. (Matt. 4:18-22) From verses 1-17, how would you describe Jesus' physical, emotional and Spiritual condition prior to calling Peter, Andrew, James and John?

For you personally, would temptations (verses 1-11) and life's troubles (verse 12) motivate you or discourage you from "going fishing" for people? Explain your answer.

The word "repent" in verse 17 literally means, "to have a change of perspective." What was the change of perspective Jesus offered to Simon Peter and Andrew in verses 18-19? Describe the change of perspective they experienced. Was it an external change or a shift in the way they viewed the world, or both? Was it instantaneous? Did they fully understand what that change of perspective would lead to?

Each week for this series titled, "Go Fish" we have been including the following two sets of questions: how to share your hope in Christ, and how to share your church with others:

1. Using the following template, briefly share how you found HOPE in Christ:

- I realized I needed Christ when...
- I committed my life to Christ by...
- The difference Jesus has made in my life is...

2. When you think of someone in your life who does not yet know Christ, who comes to mind? Answer the following questions about how you can share our church with them.

- When and how often will you commit to PRAY for that lost person God has placed in your life?
- Name one way you will show that person that you CARE about them.
- Is God opening a door for you to INVITE them to an Easter service? If so, when and how?

What internal "change of perspective" would motivate you to share your hope in Christ and to share your church with the lost? Why is an internal change of mind and heart so important if you are going to adopt a lifestyle of sharing Christ everywhere you go? What are the most common internal obstacles that keep you from "fishing for people"?

Who is that unchurched person(s) God has given you a burden for? Close by praying by name for that person(s). If you feel led to do so, ask God to open a door to share your story of hope, and to invite them to church.