

“His Story” Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

I. Sermon Keepers

A. To _____ is to _____.

- His agenda for His first _____ is His agenda for _____.
- Fishermen are _____, not _____.

B. Fishermen have good _____.

- _____ ensures that we won't miss what God is up to.

C. Fishermen love to _____ their _____.

- Christ is offering us an _____ from the temporal and a _____ of the eternal.
- God wants to leverage your _____ stuff for _____ purposes.
- Fishers of men have a unique _____, are unique _____, and are at a unique point in time in someone's life.

II. Why Fish?

Acts 3:1-7

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

²Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

Acts 4:5-13

The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." ¹³When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:18-20

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. ²⁰For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

- The message of Christianity is not _____, but _____.
- We _____ because our _____ is grounded in history and we don't know history intuitively.
- _____ people don't go to heaven; _____ people do.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

We fish because:

1. The message is unique _____.
2. The situation is _____.
3. The verdict is _____.