



THE KEY TO INCREASE

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Today we are going to talk about how to Let Down Our Nets for a catch. Jesus said if we follow Him we could become Fishers of Men.

MATTHEW 4:19; LUKE 5:10 reveals amazing increase from following Jesus instructions. I believe we have some direction from the Lord to follow for our church that will result in catching many people for Christ.

MATTHEW 4:19

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

LUKE 5:10

and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

NUMBER 1. Increase is God's will as we see in this story.

DEUTERONOMY 6:3

Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

COLOSSIANS 2:19

and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase *that is* from God.

A. The increase that interests God the most.

ACTS 6:7

Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

NUMBER 2. Key To Increase is Unity among member of the Body of Christ.

- A. The blessing produces increase.

PSALMS 133:1-3

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity! ²*It is* like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. ³*It is* like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

GENESIS 11:6

And the Lord said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

- B. Objective of church leaders to establish unity. Satan seeks to divide and weaken.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

NUMBER 3. How Unity Comes. Slide of Concentric Circle from Rick Warren.

- A. Vision - **PROVERBS 29:18** "perish means without restraint"

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Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

HABAKKUK 2:2-4

Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. ³For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. ⁴"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

B. Love - **COLOSSIANS 3:14** Amplified Bible. One motive, Love not Legalism.

COLOSSIANS 3:14 AMP

Beyond all these things put on *and* wrap yourselves in [unselfish] love, which is the perfect bond of unity [for everything is bound together in agreement when each one seeks the best for others].

C. Equal Effort

EPHESIANS 4:16

from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

D. Same vision, motive, effort produces unity.

NUMBER 4. Letting Down Our Nets For A Catch.

A. We have 8 nets, our sub groups led by elders. (One net Sunday am)

B. The Cornelius Gathering. **ACTS 10:5** send for Peter, **ACTS 10:24** gather into your house.

ACTS 10:5

Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.

ACTS 10:24

And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

ACTS 10:44

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

C. Martin and Mary.