

MAIN POINT

When we become born again, not only are we changed, we become agents of change. God's plan to reach the world involves us. The message of the Gospel is so powerful it brings incredible change. The story of Jesus calling Simon and Andrew is a great example of change. First, Jesus called them to "follow him." Jesus' vision and mission were so compelling that Simon and Andrew left the family business to follow him and become "fishers of men." Finding out our reason for being, our "why," is important so that we can pursue our purpose. We realize that God calls ordinary people to allow Him to use them in extraordinary ways. However, God's call and direction may not be what we had in mind. Jesus calls us to be fishers of men, but this is something that He will make us not that we have to force. The qualities that make a good fisher of men include becoming aware, praying for others, being a care broker, and being willing to share.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [Warm Up Question] What is a hobby that you love as much as Pastor Billy loves fishing?
2. Read Mark 1:16-20. How does Jesus call his disciples? What were the men doing when Jesus called them? How did they respond to His call? What did it cost them to follow the call of Jesus?
3. How has God's call in your life surprised you or been different from what you expected?
4. Why does "fishing" for people take patience and practice? Why is it very important to fish for people with care and prayer?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe your reason for being, your "why"? How much of your why are you currently living?
2. How has the call of Jesus changed you? What is one thing you've had to leave behind?
3. What will it look like for you to fish for men this week? Which of the "fishing skills" mentioned to you need to work on to improve your fishing?