

# FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE

Story: Part Three

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*One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.*

*<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."*

*<sup>5</sup> "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." <sup>6</sup> And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! <sup>7</sup> A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.*

*<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you." <sup>9</sup> For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. <sup>10</sup> His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.*

*Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" <sup>11</sup> And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.*

Luke 5:1–11 (NLT)

## 1. GOD'S MISSION IS PEOPLE.

*"Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things." (Mark 6:34, NLT)*

## 2. GOD'S MECHANISM IS ME!

*"Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don't see many of "the brightest and the best" among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families." (1 Corinthians 1:26, The Message)*

## 3. GOD'S METHOD IS:

- PRAY FOR GOD'S LEADING.

*"Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4, NLT)*

*"Pray that I will be bold enough to tell it freely and fully and make it plain, as, of course, I should." (Colossians 4:4, The Living Bible)*

- **STRAY OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.**

*“Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people...Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you...This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:6–9, NLT)*

*“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13, NLT)*

- **PLAY YOUR PART.**

*“Who do you think Paul is, anyway? Or Apollos, for that matter? Servants, both of us—servants who waited on you as you gradually learned to entrust your lives to our mutual Master. We each carried out our servant assignment. I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but God made you grow. It’s not the one who plants or the one who waters who is at the center of this process but God, who makes things grow.” (1 Corinthians 3:5–7, The Message)*

- **OBEY THE MASTER’S ORDERS.**

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations...” (Matthew 28:19, NLT)*

*“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” (Mark 16:15, NLT)*

*“...this message of salvation should be taken from Jerusalem to all the nations...” (Luke 24:47, The Living Bible)*

*“...As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” (John 20:21, NLT)*

Relational + Invitational + Intentional

**RESULT**  
**CHANGING PEOPLE CHANGES PEOPLE.**

**ACTION STEPS:**  
**SHARE Class**  
**Publish your #story on Social Media!**