

How a Tax Collector Became a Fisherman

The Chosen: Part 3

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⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "**Follow me and be my disciple,**" Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. ¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

¹² When Jesus heard this, he said, "**Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do.**" ¹³ Then he added, "**Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.**"

Matthew 9:9–13 (NLT)

"Jesus called out to them, "Come, **FOLLOW** me, and I will show you how to **FISH** for people!""
(Matthew 4:19, NLT)

FOLLOWING AND **FISHING** goes together!

HOW TO FISH FOR PEOPLE

1. **F** **OCUS** on my spiritual growth.

"But we Christians...can be mirrors that **brightly reflect the glory of the Lord**. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become **more and more like him**." (2 Corinthians 3:18, The Living Bible)



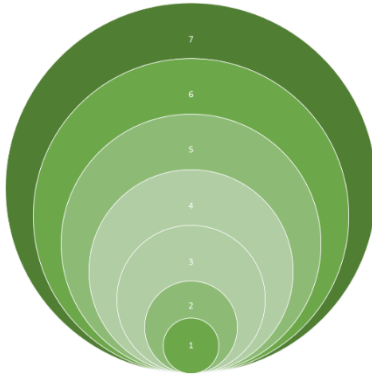
- 1) Gathering
- 2) Growing
- 3) Giving
- 4) Going

I am the **PROOF** of the product.

2. **I** **DENTIFY** my influential relationships.

“The word of God continued to spread, and there were many new believers.” (Acts 12:24, NLT)

CONCENTRIC CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE



- 1) **SELF**.
- 2) Family.
- 3) **FRIENDS**.
- 4) Co-workers.
- 5) **NEIGHBORS**.
- 6) Acquaintances.
- 7) Intentional connections.

ACTION
PEACE 1-Day

3. **START** fishing.

“A wise person wins friends.” (Proverbs 11:30b, NLT)

*“And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that **my house may be filled**.’” (Luke 14:23, ESV)*

ACTION
Invite to Easter!

4. **HELP** them take their next step.

“Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.” (Mark 2:2–4, NLT)

Changed people **CHANGE PEOPLE!**

ACTION STEPS:
PEACE 1-DAY
INVITE TO EASTER