

FISHING FOR PEOPLE

PAY IT 4WARD: PART 1

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Mark 1:16–20 (NLT)

¹⁶ One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁷ Jesus called out to them, **“Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”** ¹⁸ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

¹⁹ A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. ²⁰ He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

FOLLOWING AND FISHING goes together!

HOW TO FISH FOR PEOPLE

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

“Then we will no longer be immature...Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.” (Ephesians 4:14–15, NLT)



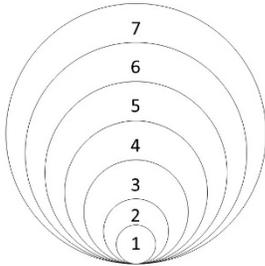
- Salvation
- Baptism
- Connection
- Daily Time with God
- Serving
- Giving
- Sharing

“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)

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) **“CHANCE”** Meetings

3. **START** investing time fishing.

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

I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. (1 Corinthians 9:22b, NLT)

“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for...telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.” (Acts 20:24, NLT)

4. **HELP** them find eternal life.

“Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”). Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus...The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.” “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.” (John 1:40–46, NLT)

FOUND PEOPLE **FIND PEOPLE!**

ACTION STEP:
FIND YOUR FOUR

