

Flawed but Faithful - The Story of Peter (week 1)

Title: Fisher of Men

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:18-22

Discussion Questions

1. Today we start a new sermon series called Flawed but Faithful (the Story of Peter). What do you know about Peter in the Bible? From what you remember do you find him to be relatable? Why or why not?
2. Today's scripture reading is Matthew 4:18-22. Here Peter and his brother Andrew are called by Jesus to leave their nets and follow Jesus. Read this passage for yourself. What stands out to you as you read?
3. Interestingly enough, according to the Gospel of John, this isn't Peter and Andrew's first experience with Jesus. In John chapter 1, Andrew is a follower of John the Baptist. One day when Jesus was passing by John exclaimed, "Look, the Lamb of God!" Andrew heard John and we are told in verse 40 immediately went to tell his brother Simon (who would be renamed Peter). Read this account for yourself, John 1:35-42. How does this help to shed light on Matthew's account of Jesus calling Andrew and Peter while they were fishing?
4. Jesus calls Andrew and Peter to be "Fishers of Men" or "Fishers of People." (The term in the Greek does not specify gender.) What do you think Jesus is calling them to do? Were they successful? What does it mean for us to be called to be disciples who make disciples?