

When Fishermen Don't Fish

A cold spell reminded me of the first time I experienced the winter winds in the Hill Country. I was a teenager on a fishing trip. But what I caught that week was much more than fish. I caught an insight into human nature.

The fishing crew consisted of my father, my best friend Mark and myself. We pulled our fold-out camper down to Lake Buchanan during Spring Break anticipating a week of sun, swimming and white bass. That's not what we got.

During the first night, an unseasonable blue norther blew in. It got cold! The wind was so strong we could barely open the camper door. The sky was gray and the lake was a mountain range of white-topped waves. "No problem," we said. "We have Monopoly. We have Reader's Digest. We all know a few jokes." So we spent the day indoors.

The second night it got colder. This time it wasn't the wind that made the door hard to open. It was the ice! We tried to be cheerful. But as courageous as we tried to be, it was obvious that some of the gloomy gray had left the sky and entered the camper. I noticed that my father didn't have a good sense of humor (he told me to quit telling jokes). It was a long day. It was a cold night.

When we awoke the next morning to the sound of sleet slapping against the canvas, we didn't even pretend to be cheerful. We were flat-out grumpy. Mark became more of a jerk with each passing moment. My dad couldn't do anything right and I wondered how someone so irritable could have such an even-tempered son. We sat in misery the whole day.

The next day was even colder. My dad decided it was time to pack up and go home.

I learned a hard lesson that week. It's worth underlining. "When those who are called to fish don't fish—they fight."

Christians never squabble when they are fishing for men. They don't have time! It is when we stay indoors that we grow irritable and cranky. Energy intended to be used outside is expended inside. Instead of casting nets, we cast stones. Rather extend helping hands, we point accusing fingers. And instead of being fishers of the lost, we become critics of the saved.

The next time you are upset with a brother or sister, do yourself a favor; do the church a favor—get out of the cabin and go fishing...for men.

—Max Lucado



Sermon Notes

Discipleship-Living: The Unforgivable

Matthew 12:22-32

What is the unforgivable sin? Have you ever wondered if you committed it? Let's explore some questions about this sin and let the Bible give us the answer.

I. What Is It Not?

- A. It is not M_____.
- B. It is not P_____.
- C. It is not A_____ or D_____ abuse.
- D. It is not S_____.
- E. It is not A_____.

II. What Is It?

- A. What the Pharisees S_____ had already H_____ in their hearts.
- B. Some believe it is a sin of the T_____.
- C. Some believe it is C_____ R_____ of Christ.
- D. It is not unforgivable because of a D_____ done or a S_____ spoken, but because of the C_____ of the heart.

III. Who Can Commit It?

- A. Someone who has N_____ C_____ to Christ.
- B. Someone who is A_____ in Christ.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Announcements

- ➔ Please pick up a Green Sheet Prayer List and be prayerful for all the sick and suffering.
- ➔ Community Cupboard Needs for February include: Pancake or Waffle Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Apple Sauce, Oatmeal, Cereal, Pop Tarts or monetary donations.
- ➔ Our Children’s Ministry is planning an “Easter in the Park” event for April 16, 2022. In preparation for that, Melissa needs donations of plastic eggs and candy that won’t melt easily. Between now and March 13, please consider picking up these items from the store to donate. Watch for a donation box in the lobby. Thank you!
- ➔ The Westview Boys’ Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of April 4, 2022. Items on their shopping list include: Capri Sun, Sweet Cereal, Canned Soda, Assorted Chips, Beef Jerky/Slim Jims, Jell-O/Pudding Cups, Coffee, Velveeta, Little Debbie’s Cakes, Bottled Water, Bottled Gatorade, 100% Orange/Fruit Juice, Assorted Band-Aids, Liquid Laundry Soap and 13/39 Gallon Trash Bags. If you can help, please leave your items in the designated spot in the lobby.

Dates To Remember:

- February 15 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- February 16 @ 8 AM Men’s Breakfast @ Madison’s
- February 16 @ 4:30 PM Early Bible Class
- February 16 @ 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
- February 16 @ 6:30 PM Singing Practice
- February 16 @ 7:00 PM Adult Bible Class in the Chapel **No Children’s Classes**
- February 17 @ Noon Ladies Class in the Chapel
- February 20 @ Noon Monthly Potluck Luncheon in FLC
- March 6 Ministry Fair
- April 4 Westview Boys’ Home Grocery Truck will be here this week.
- April 16 @ 2-5 PM Easter in the Park

Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: _____

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Welcome To Our
**Sunday Morning
Family Worship**
February 13, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

Order of Worship

- Song #266, *Majesty*Tim Holt
- WelcomeSam Day
- Song #2, *We Praise Thee, O God*.....Tim Holt
- Song #3, *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*Tim Holt
- Song #4, *To God Be The Glory*.....Tim Holt
- Song #794, *Unto Thee, O Lord*Tim Holt
- PrayerChad Barney
- Song #337, *Hallelujah, What A Savior!*Ivan Gonzalez
- CommunionChris Schoelen
- Offering.....Chris Schoelen
- Scripture Reading, *Matthew 12:22-32*.....Rick Shimp
- Song, *Mighty To Save*.....Ivan Gonzalez
- Message, *Discipleship-Living: The Unforgivable*....Jeff Gardner
- Song, *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*Tim Holt
- Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
- PrayerAdiel Zapata
- Song #895, *I’ll Live In Glory*.....Darrel Sullivan

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Singing Class	6:30 PM
Mid-Week Adult Class	7:00 PM
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday.
 For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

2/6 Worship Attendance.....	187
2/6 Bible Class Attendance.....	130
2/6 Contribution	\$18,677.56
YTD Regular Contribution	\$87,720.88
Weekly Average	\$14,620.15
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58