

**Date:** 4/29/18

**Scripture:** Mark 16:15-20

**Message title:** Making a mark series part#4- "Let's go fishing"

Quick message

Mark 16:15-20

Matthew 28:18-20

**Intro:** We are church that wants to make a mark, and leave a mark!

**Why?** Life is short, ETERNITY is long! We...Venture Church wants to be intent and focused on "making disciples."

Show picture of fishing trip

From beginning to end Jesus' ministry was intentional about fishing for men. 1. Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. 2. **Now fish!** win souls, make disciples, make a mark.

Most Christians will never lead a person to Christ....2 kingdoms

"If you are going to teach someone to have a love for fishing, you need to get them to first have a love for the sea."

In the same way, if you are going to teach someone to how to fish for men, you must first have a love for their souls. **#every soul matters**

make disciples, Not make converts. **Heaven counts disciples.**

**Disciple:** life long learner, under discipline.

Our spiritual energies must not be concentrated on merely enlarging church membership, but in making disciples who separate themselves from the world, observe the commands of Christ, and follow Him with all their heart, mind, and will.

**31** Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly **my disciples** if you **remain faithful to my teachings.** (John 8:31 NIV)

(BIG PEOPLE) - (DEEP LEADS TO WIDE)

**W#1- More of Jesus/ W#2- Unlimited -HS/ W#2 - Unity / W#4- Mission-  
A desire for unashamed missional living (bold witness)**

Illustrate on paper: Jesus down, Jesus up, HS down, Disciples out,  
believers in, disciples out.

God works through changed individuals (encounter), to deliver an important message (gospel), that produces life forever (eternity).

Tim Keller says, the gospel is not just the ABCs of Christianity, it is the A through Z; it is not the first step in a stairway of truths, it is more like the hub of God's wheel of truth."

**Reminder:** *God is more interested about the work in you, than the work through you. Being busy for Jesus is a waste of time. **BUSY**— Being under Satans yoke.*

From the beginning of time, God set forth a plan after the fall of man. The gospel was preached in the garden of Eden.

**protoevangelium**- first mention of the gospel.

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; **He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.**" (Genesis 3:14-15 NASB)

- This verse introduces two elements previously unknown in the Garden of Eden. These elements that are the basis of Christianity— 1) the curse on mankind because of Adam's sin and... 2) God's provision for a Savior from sin who would take the curse upon Himself.
- From that moment forward a sacrifice was needed in order to cover sin. The Lord sacrificed an animal to use the skin to cover

Adam and Eve. Substitutionary atonement-transfer of sin to the animal.

- Moving forward we see the birth of the nation of Israel. (Jewish nation). Would be the expression of God on earth.
- A special people. They followed the outline in Leviticus for sacrifice. **Sacrifice = gifts (Rom 12:1-2)**
- They were expectant on a redeemer. An anointed one, the Messiah. This Christ would be the Savior of the world and connect heaven to earth. Connect unholy man to a holy God again.
- Jesus would become the total and complete sacrifice (offering) for the sins/forgiveness of mankind! AMEN! He not only died for me, He died as though it were me.

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the **offering for our sin**, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT)

*"It is one thing to understand the gospel but is quite another to experience the gospel in such a way that it fundamentally changes us and becomes the source of our **identity and security**."*J.D Greear

From the very moment of Jesus' birth the gospel message continued to go forth about this Savior....

**8**In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9**And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10**But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you **good news of great joy** which will be for **all the people**; **11**for today in the city of David there has been born for you a **Savior, who is Christ the Lord**. (Luke 2:8-11 NASB)

Have you heard this quote? "Preach the gospel, use words when necessary."

It is necessary to use words...Actions are not everything...Jesus used words...

**14**How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a **preacher (kēryssō)**? **15**How will they preach unless they are **sent**? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" (Romans 10:14-15 NASB)

vs. 17 Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God! A disciples job it to turn listening ears into eyeballs.

**Preach:** #2784 kēryssō- kā-rū's-sō: to herald a message with **gravity** and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed. **LIFE AND DEATH. —WORDS ARE NECESSARY**

**Who has this message?** We do? Who needs this message? Everyone. Who will receive this message? **SOME...**

- Sowing the seed of the **gospel** 25% good soil: (Mark 4)
  1. beside the road (gone immediately)
  2. rocky ground (springs up, no depth)
  3. among the thrones (choked out by the world)
  4. good soil (grew 30,60,100)
- Who will receive our message? **SOME!**

**22**When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to **save some**. **23**I **do everything to spread the Good News** and share in its blessings. (1 Corinthians 9:22-23 NLT)

- The Apostle Paul, was relatable and COMPASSIONATE! He met and loved people where they were at. **It's not illegal to love people.**

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- Like Paul, we are called to do our part and the LORD will do His part! #pressuresoff

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but **God has been making it grow.** (1 Corinthians 3:6 NIV)

Vision for the Church...How does this disciple making work? How can you live on mission?

We live on mission by **living out** the great commission.

My heart is to equip you for the work of the ministry. **You can PREACH the gospel. You have God's word, YOU HAVE THE Holy Spirit IN YOU!! Anything else needed?**

Listen....There is a work for Jesus that only you can do...

Mission: Win, disciple, send

- 1) The church should be both a hospital and a gym! (illustration)
- 2) The church is an aircraft carrier not a cruise ship (in a spiritual battle) gather and scatter.
- 3) The church doesn't need to send missionaries it is the missionary.

***"Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter."* Spurgeon**

The great commission is not a calling, it is a mandate.

The reason that it is **GREAT**, is because it came from the **KING**.

**Close:**

Matthew 28:20b- **"I am with you always" (confidence and courage)**

Jesus didn't die to make us drive safely at death, He died to make us dangerous! following Jesus is dangerous living!

**The church (us) is the HOPE on earth! We make visible the invisible.**

**Recap:** God works through changed individuals (encounter), to deliver an important message (gospel), that produces life forever (eternity).

**Key:**  Therefore be **imitators of God**, as beloved children; **2** and **walk in love**, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. (Ephesians 5:1-2 NASB)

Love is the bait, that attracts mens souls....Let's imitate God and  
Let's go fishing!!!

**1) Salvation through repentance...**

**2) Prayer for being light!**  
**Empowered to live on mission!**  
**Share without fear!**

**I will build my life song...**

**Additional notes:**

**but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; (1 Peter 3:15 NASB)**

GOSPEL

God's  
Only  
Son  
Provides  
Everlasting  
Life

- 1)Pray
- 2)reach
- 3)everyone
- 4)ask
- 5)challenge
- 6)hope

**I would sooner bring one sinner to Jesus Christ than unravel all the mysteries of the divine Word, for salvation is the one thing we are to live for. Spurgeon**

Imitate by presence  
Imitate by compassion  
Imitate by being a light  
Imitate by being His body  
Being His voice  
Imitate by being Jesus' hands and feet.

Imitation:  
the action of using someone or something as a model.  
"a child learns to speak by imitation"

<i>synonyms:</i>	emulation, copying, echoing, parroting "learning by imitation"
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- an act of imitating a person's speech or mannerisms, especially for comic effect.plural noun:  
**imitations**  
"he attempted an atrocious imitation of my English accent"

Baptism pictures —

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