

GO FISH

Because Of What's On The Line

LESSON 4 – FISHING BUDDIES

*"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.' **Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)***

1. Fishing was never meant to be a solo endeavor.
2. Our fishing is more effective when we partner with other believers—whether one or two individuals, or a local church group.

*"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." **Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV)***

3. Being in a community of believers breaks down the barriers to unbelief.
4. When the church is organized and strategized around official Jesus' business, Jesus shows up in the midst.
5. When we see the body of Christ in action is the closest a person can get in this life to being in the presence of Jesus Himself.
6. When unbelievers experience a community of believers, their resistance softens.

*"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." **1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (NIV)***

7. The Church is the most powerful, persuasive environment on the planet.