

GO FISH

Because Of What's On The Line

LESSON 2 – WHY FISH?

“Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:18-20 (NIV)

In our culture, there are so many reasons not to fish that it's important to recall why we need to fish.

Billy Graham – “It’s the Holy Spirit’s job to convict, God’s job to judge and my job to love.”

- **Fishing** means being strategic with our opportunities to tell others about Jesus.
- The first apostles could not stop **talking** about what they had seen and heard.

Christianity is based on historical events that must be reported in order to be realized.

“A belief system is always subject to argument. But historical facts are irrefutable.” –Andy Stanley

1. Christians believe something **happened** in history.
2. We think talking about Jesus gets us into a **debate** about belief systems.
3. Being a fisher of men is not about having so much **knowledge** that you can refute the skeptics.

Billy Graham— “When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God!”

- A. The idea of a Christian **sharing** his faith with a non-Christian makes a lot of people uncomfortable.
- B. Many non-Christians dread the thought of being assaulted and proselytized by zealous **“born agains.”**
- C. Many Christians **fear** being rejected, ridiculed, or humiliated for trying to push their beliefs on someone else.

Both Christians and non-Christians find it much easier just to keep to themselves on matters of faith and avoid conflict altogether. But the Bible is clear that followers are to become fishers.

- D. Christians need to talk about Jesus because the **message** is so counterintuitive—if nobody tells them, they won’t know.