# Are You A... Fisher of Men or Keeper of the Aquarium?

Mark 1:14-18

### Aquarium Keeper .....what is that?

Aquarium Life develops...

- 1. Fish become comfortable with each other.
- 2. Fish become satisfied with the status quo.
- 3. Fish do not welcome newcomers.
- 4. Fish will run people off by unkind comments or actions.
- 5. Fish have their own task that no one else can do.
- 6. Fish develop their own territory.
  - Each school of fish decorates their area and can never be moved.
- 7. Fish develop an "us four and no more attitude".

#### **Question: What Are we in Business For?**

Matthew 28:19-20, Acts1:8 & Mark 1:14-18

**Answer:** To Become Fishers of Men

#### What Does That Mean?

1. We must go after the Fish! ....<u>invite</u> All people to come. HOW? Use the right **Bait!** 

# "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be full" Luke 14:23

- 2. We must <u>instruct</u> the Fish! ...by the Living <u>Word</u> of <u>God</u>.
- 3. We must <u>inspire</u> the Fish! ...with <u>Hope</u> we have in <u>Jesus</u>.
- 4. We must involve people in meaningful Kingdom Service.
  - -Every Christian is a minister.
  - -Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift.
  - -Every Christian in a <u>place</u> of <u>service</u> in their church.
- 5. Above all we must <u>love</u> the Fish God <u>brings</u> into our nets!

### Our Goals for FBC New Haven

- 1. Jesus Christ be glorified & exalted in this church
- 2. A Bible believing church
- 3. A Loving church
- 4. A church of Integrity
- 5. A church of Growth
  - ..."A hospital for sinners not a club for saints"
- 6. A Sacrificing church
  - -Through our Finances
  - Through our Service & Commitment
- 7. An Exciting church
- 8. A Missionary church

# Attempt Great Things for God so that New Haven May Know Christ!

## Will you come be a part of what God wants to do? Who Are You Serving? Jesus or Self

Statements... "I want to be real transparent here"

- ⇒ Pray God will supply
- ⇒ Privilege to have served as your Pastor for 16yrs.

We desperately need <u>God's Power</u>.... not <u>Our Power</u> to move upon FBC New Haven

Jesus is calling us to "Follow Him"

We Need A Refreshing from the Lord....PRAYER