

# LET'S GO FISHING

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## I. INTRODUCTION

**Matthew 4:18** As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

**Matthew 4:19** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

**Luke 5:10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

- You are called to be a fisherman of people.

## II. THREE REASONS WHY WE DON'T FISH FOR PEOPLE

### 1. *People don't know they're supposed to fish.*

- Every Christian is called to do two things: 1) Follow Jesus and 2) Fish for People.
- Found people find people.

### 2. *People don't know how to fish.*

**Matthew 4:19** "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

### 3. *People are scared to fish.*

**Luke 5:10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

## III. FOUR REASONS WHY WE NEED TO FISH FOR PEOPLE

### 1. *Fishing is a commandment.*

- When we give our life to Jesus, our goal should be to follow Jesus.

**Matthew 28:19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Mark 16:15** He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

**John 17:18** As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

**Luke 10:2** He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit, so we can go out in this world and be witnesses for Him.

## ***2. Fishing is necessary.***

- Where people spend eternity depends on how well we fish for people.

**Luke 5:4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch.”

- God has called us to reach people in dark places.
- There is no one out of God’s reach.

**Romans 10:14-15** How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

- We are born to fish.

## ***3. Fishing is our responsibility.***

**1 Corinthians 9:16** For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

**Ezekiel 33:7-9** “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

- There are certain people God has called you to reach.

#### ***4. Fishing is rewarding.***

**Luke 15:7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

- There is nothing more rewarding than seeing people come to Christ and knowing you played a part in it.