

Fishers of Men

Luke 5:1-11

I. Introduction

- A. Catch - "1. To take alive. 2. To take, catch, capture." Thayer
- B. Are we fishers of men today? It is the responsibility of all Christians. (Acts 8:3-4; Mt. 28:18-20)
- C. Preach The Good News (Jn. 3:16; 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Tim. 2:3-4; 1Cor. 15:1-8)

II. We must preach the gospel.

- A. Although this seems somewhat redundant, we still need to realize that this is the first step in converting a lost soul. Just like any fisherman knows that in order to catch a fish he has to put his bait in the water, we as Christians must know that we have to preach the gospel if we ever hope to convert anyone.
- B. There are many people out there that could be converted, but they aren't because they have never heard the gospel. Just like fish don't jump into the boat all by themselves, people won't accept something if they don't even know what it is. (Rom. 10:13-14)
- C. Purpose: Preach & Warn (Col. 1:23-29)
- D. Paul's Example (1 Cor. 9:16-17)

III. There are all kinds of people in the world, and they are all different.

- A. Not everyone is the same
- B. Paul took different approach with Jews than Gentiles (1 Cor. 9:19-22)
- C. Treating different personalities (Jude 22-23)

IV. We must make the gospel look appealing.

- A. No fisherman throws out a fishing line with nothing on the hook. They use different lures and baits to make it look appealing. In the same way, we must make the gospel look appealing, in order for others to want to enjoy the benefits of it.
- B. We must use wisdom (Col. 4:5-6)
- C. Paul disputed and persuaded (Acts 19:8)
- D. Use soundness of speech (Tit. 2:1-8; Jn. 17:20-23)

V. All Souls Are Important.

- A. Everyone needs the gospel (Mt. 9:10-13; Lk. 7:36-50; Jas. 2:1-5)
- B. The Lord cares for all souls (Lk. 15:1-7)

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