

Engaged Disciples: Called to Fish

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Matt 4:18-24

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. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Fishing for men requires...

1. RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

You can't share something you don't have.

v. 19 Jesus said, "Come, follow ME and I will make you fishers of men."

Matt 11:28-29

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from ME, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Fishing for men requires...

2. SURRENDERING OUR WILL TO HIS

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Jesus is calling us to drop whatever hinders or distracts us and offer complete obedience to Him.

Jesus and His kingdom work trumps everything else in our lives.

- Our careers
- Our personal time & hobbies
- Even personal relationships

Fishing for men requires...

3. FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST HIMSELF

v. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

- Love God
- Love People
- Offer them Christ