

**“Fishing for Men”
Luke 4:43 - 5:11**

Big Idea – If we will do the fishing, God will do the cleaning!

1. Jesus knew His purpose and did it – Luke 4:43 – 5:1

Luke 4:41 Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak.

42 Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them.

Luke 4:43 but He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.” 44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Luke 19:10 The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.“

John 4:34 Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.

John 6:38 I came down from heaven to do what God wants me to do, not what I want to do.

John 10:10 ... I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

Mark 1:38 But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.”

John 17:3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

2. He used a fishing boat to teach the multitudes – Luke 5:3

Luke 5:1 One day while Jesus was standing beside the Sea of Galilee, many people were pressing all around him to hear the word of God.

2 Jesus saw two boats at the shore of the lake. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

3 Jesus got into one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, and asked him to push off a little from the land. Then Jesus sat down and continued to teach the people from the boat.

**3. He showed the fishermen how to catch a lot of fish – Luke 5:4 – 7
They were astonished and afraid – Lk. 5:9, 10**

They caught a lot of fish because they obeyed Jesus' Word (the One who made all the fish and knew where they all were)! He did this to show them it was no big deal to catch a lot of fish.

They had a small inkling of Jesus' power and were afraid

He said "Fear Not!" I'm going to give you something greater to do.

4. He gave them a greater purpose – catching people. Why?

Because people's souls are worth more than just making money (catching fish)!

Their new mission was to catch people! Not their bodies but their spirits, their souls!

What's a soul worth?

Proverbs 11:30; Daniel 12:3

Jesus said, "What does it profit a person if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul."

What is someone else's soul worth to you? What are you doing with that belief?

Intentionality – purpose is what's needed.

5. They left everything and followed Him

Luke 5:11 When the men brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Matthew 4:18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living.

19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

20 And they left their nets at once and followed him.

21 A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too.

22 They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must deny yourself, that is, turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.

John 12:26 Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.