

Mark 1:16-20

First: We must FOLLOW the right person.

Mark 1:18-20 (NASB) "Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him."



Every life matters to God!

2 Peter 3:9 (NASB) "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

Luke 19:10 (NASB) "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Matt. 28:19-20 (NASB) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Second: We must FOCUS on the right preparations.

Mark 1:19 (NASB) "Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets."

Be sure of your own salvation

2 Corinthians 3:4-5a (NASB) "Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant."

1 John 5:13 (NASB) "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

Know what the Lord did for you and how to share that with someone else

John 9:25 (NASB) "He then answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

Be prayed up and ready for the Lord to use you when He allows opportunities to witness to come your way

1 Pet. 3:15 (NASB) "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you."

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB) "He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ."

Becoming Fishers of Men



Third: We must **FIND** the right process.

Mark 1:16 (NASB) "As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

Acts 1:8 (NASB) "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Fourth: We must **FISH** in the right places.

Haggai 2:19 (NASB) "Is the seed yet in the barn?"

John 21:6 (NASB) "And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish."

Fifth: We must **FURNISH** the right patience.

Mark 1:17 (NASB) "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

John 15:16 (NASB) "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain."

Application:

Are you following the right person? Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you desire to be used by God to become a fisher of men?

Do you focus on the right preparation? Is there any holes in your net that would need to be repaired so you can be an effective witness?

If the right process is defined by "becoming all things to all men that by God's grace you might win some" - what are you willing to become in order for God to use you effectively as a fisher of men?

Are you willing to go where the fish are in order to win them or are you content to isolate yourself from those who need to know the love of God?

Are you willing to carry the seed out of the barn in order to sow it in the field?

Will you continue until God is able to make you to become a fisher of men also?

What has God been saying to you through this study?

How do you need to adjust your life to join God in the process of man fishing?

Memory verse: Mark 1:17 (NASB) "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."