

Fishers of Men

Mark 1:16-20

READ Mark 1:14-20 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#).

Mark 1:16-20 describes Jesus calling some of His earliest students, who were fishermen, to become “fishers of men”. Upon Jesus’ call, these fishermen immediately left their nets, family and companions to follow Jesus. The passage emphasises Jesus’s initiative, authority and power to transform the lives of His disciples and illustrates the growing influence of the kingdom of God in the world. This event, occurring early in Jesus’ ministry, also highlights the importance of the work of evangelism in Jesus’ ministry plan.

Main Lesson: Jesus’ call to become “fishers of men” powerfully and completely changes the lives of the disciples.

Questions:

1. What is Jesus’ challenge to his disciples in Mark 1:17? How is it different from Mark 1:15?
2. In what way was Jesus’ ministry different from other Rabbi’s at the time? What does this passage teach us about Jesus’ authority and the nature of discipleship?
3. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
4. What does it mean to be a fisher of men?

5. Why do you think Jesus chose Peter, Andrew, John and James to become fishers of men?
6. How did the disciples respond to Jesus’ call?
7. Does Jesus still call some people today to become “fishers of men”? How important do you think is “calling” for church ministry and mission?
8. What principles may we learn from fishing that may be valuable for evangelism?
9. Why did the early Christians use the image of a fish to represent Christianity?
10. What opportunities do we have today for evangelism?
11. Please share some recent evangelistic experiences that you may have had.

STOP AND PRAY:

***Praise** the Lord for calling and enabling many saints to become preachers and missionaries*

***Thank** God for the tremendous privilege of becoming partners with Him in His mission to save the elect*

***Pray** that we may hear and respond enthusiastically to the call to be evangelists and disciple-makers*