

# FISHERS OF MEN

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(Mark 1:17)

# Jesus's Mission Statement

<sup>10</sup> for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19)

# Jesus teaching: Parable of the lost sheep

- <sup>4</sup> “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ <sup>7</sup> I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine <sup>[b]</sup>just persons who need no repentance. (Luke 15)

# Jesus teaching: Parable of the lost coin

- <sup>8</sup> “Or what woman, having ten silver [c]oins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds *it*? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* friends and neighbours together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ <sup>10</sup> Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”(Luke 15)

# All disciples are called as Fishers of Men

- <sup>7</sup> And He called the twelve to *Himself*, and began to send them out two *by* two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. <sup>12</sup> So they went out and preached that *people* should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them*. (Mark 6)

# Fishers of Men: the bait

- **Our Fruit**
- But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him. (1 Corinthians 3:18)
- **Our Testimony**
- **Meeting needs: the gifts**

# Fishers of men: the ability

But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.(Acts 1:8)



# The Fishing Waters

- <sup>15</sup> Now it happened, as He was dining in *Levi's* house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. (Mark 2)

# Fishers of Men: The equipment

- Meets once a week for fellowship
- Prays consistently for Men
- Befriend these men
- Have outreaches
- Have follow up after outreach (testimony)
- Have one to one discipleship course for new believers

# Fishers of men: are sold out

- <sup>3</sup> Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.
- <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

(Mark 2)

# Fishers of men birth Fishers of Men





# Fishers of Men take the risk of being misunderstood

- <sup>16</sup> And when the scribes [\[c\]](#)and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, “How *is it* that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?” (Mark 2)

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5)

# Fishermen are flexible and teachable

- <sup>6</sup> And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.
- (John 21)



# Fishers of Men who lost their calling can be restored

- <sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of [b]Jonah, do you love Me more than these?”
- He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I [c]love You.”
- He said to him, “Feed My lambs.”
- <sup>16</sup> He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of [d]Jonah, do you love Me?”
- He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I [e]love You.”
- He said to him, “Tend My sheep.”
- <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of [f]Jonah, do you [g]love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?”
- And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”
- Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. (John 21)



# Jesus's Word is true

Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become **fishers of men.**” (Mark 1:17)

- <sup>41</sup> Then those who [\[m\]](#)gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand souls** were added *to them* (Acts 2)