



Fishers of Men

“Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat. When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered and said, “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets.” When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; so they signaled to their partners in the

other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.” When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.”

Luke 5:1-11

Looking at America today as a Christian, it is easy to lose hope. It is easy to think to ourselves that America is hopeless, that revival is impossible, that Americans are just not interested in God, Jesus, the gospel, etc. In Luke 5 the disciples felt that way about fishing. They had fished all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus shows up and says go back out and try again, they do. And what a catch.

We have been preaching the gospel in our churches, on TV, on the radio, on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, print media – you name it and we have used it to put the gospel out there. But are we catching fish? Are our “nets breaking” and our “boats sinking” because of the number of people responding to the gospel, or are we returning home with nothing, as the disciples did that morning?

It is time for us to come back to shore, let Jesus get into our boat, put out into deep water, and let down our nets. America is ready for a great gospel harvest. If Jesus is in our boat, we will be overwhelmed by the number of people responding to the gospel. If we have been “fishing all night”, and have “caught nothing”, then it is time to let Jesus to sit in our boat and teach. It is that simple. No fish means no Jesus. Lots of fish means He is there. Is Jesus in your boat, or have you been fishing all night and “caught nothing”?

Lord God Almighty, we come before you in Jesus name, and ask that you would show up. Please come into our boat and teach. Tell us to put out into the deep water and let down our nets. Make us fishers of men. We pray for a great catch, a mighty harvest, that the Kingdom of God would be furthered in America, and that men, women, and children from every state would be born again and call upon your name. We ask these things in Jesus name, amen.

“And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” And looking at them Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.””

Matthew 19:23-26