

Fishing for Men

Luke 5:1-11 & Mark 1:16-20

These two passages go together:

- Jesus comes walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum early in the morning as fishermen are coming in from a night of fishing.
- This was a busy area with many boats coming in, people selling and buying fish, etc.
- Matthew's tax collection station was there (Mark 2:13-14), thus these fishermen would have paid taxes to him.
- Just days before this, Jesus had healed Herod's steward's son (John 4:53) here in Capernaum – no doubt many people heard about and wanted to see and hear Jesus.
- These 4 disciples (Mark 1:16-20) had been with Jesus off and on for at least 6 months.
- Thus it is no wonder that there would be a crowd of people present.
- Mark 1:17 and Luke 5:10 make it clear that Jesus is teaching them and us far more than how to fish.

Let's learn what Jesus teaches us about fishing for men and how to pray for our missionaries as fishers of men.

I. In Fishing for Men, the Net must be _____ properly

A. Mark 1:19

B. What Makes up a net?

1. _____

C. This is what God does with us.

1. _____

2. _____

II. In Fishing for Men the Net must be _____ when torn.

A. Mark 119

B. What are "tears in our net"?

1. _____

2. _____

3. Word _____ is the word for _____ a net.

III. In Fishing for Men the Net must be kept _____

A. Luke 5:2

B. What happens if we do not keep the net clean?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

IV. In Fishing for Men, human effort by itself is of _____

A. Luke 5:5

B. These were experienced, hard working fishermen.

V. In Fishing for Men, _____ and _____

Christ is essential

A. Luke 55

B. Must _____ and _____.

VI. In Fishing for Men, a net filled by God brings _____

A. Luke 5:8

B. Not the sequence:

1. vs. 5a _____

2. vs. 5b _____

3. vs. 6 _____

C. Note the proper response:

1. vs. 8 _____

2. vs 8-9 _____

VII. In Fishing for Men, complete _____ is Necessary

A. Luke 5:11

B. Mark 120