

Lesson One - Following Christ and Fishing for Men - 3/13/19

Matthew 4:18-20

“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.”

A. **The Message** - God Wants Everyone to Be Saved

John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:3-4; Heb. 2:9; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 John 2:2

B. **The Messenger** - God Uses People to Do His Work

Luke 10:1-20; John 2:1-11; John 11:33-46; 1 Cor. 3:4-9; 2 Cor. 5:18-20

C. **The Method** - God Does His Work Through the Local Church

Mat. 16:18; John 14:12; Acts 2:47; Acts 17:6; THE WHOLE BOOK OF ACTS

D. **The Manner** - Christians Are Commanded to Live Holy Lives

Rom. 12:1; James 1:19-27; 1 Pet. 1:16; 2 Pet. 3:11; COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 3

E. **The Might** - The Holy Ghost Gives Us Power to Live a Holy Life

John 16:13; Rom. 8:11-13; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:27

1. **The Principle:**

Everything We Do With and For Men Must be Preceded by Our Time with God
“Follow Me” precedes “Fishing for Men.”

Mark 3:14; Luke 10:38-42; Gal. 6:9; 1 Pet. 3:15

2. **The Priority:**

Following Christ and Fishing for Men

Prov. 11:30; Mal. 1:7-8; Mat. 6:33; Rev. 2:4-5

3. **The Progression:**

As We Follow Christ, He Makes us Fishers of Men

Psa. 51:12-13

- “Fishers of men”
- “I will make you”
- “Follow me”