

Listen UP: What Does He See in Me?

Matthew 18:4-22 and Mark 3:13-19

Quick to LISTEN

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry....

James 1:19b

T. Think the best.

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

Sea of Galilee

8 miles wide and 13 miles long.

240 boats fishing at a time. (Josephus)

Fishing

1. Hook and line
2. Throw a net from the shore (9 foot diameter)
3. Drag a net between two boats

****Peter and Andrew were using the 'net from shore' method.**

*19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, **"and I will send you out to fish for people."***

20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

*21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. **Jesus called them,** 22 and immediately **they left the boat and their father and followed him.** Matthew 4:18-22*

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

*They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”
39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”
So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was
about four in the afternoon.
40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said
and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon
and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). John 1:35-41*

How did the disciples become ‘the disciples’?

1. Determine to leave the old life behind.

****Followed (*akolouthēō*)** deciding to become a disciple
who is committed to imitating the one he follows.

They were part time followers first and then...

2. Decision to trust Jesus and follow him.

... full time followers.

3. Dependence and The Holy Spirit.

1. The disciples followed Jesus around and learned.
2. Jesus first sent the disciples out two-by-two on brief missions (Mark 6:7–11).
3. After three years of teaching and training in short-term assignments, He left them on their own but promised he would be within them.
(Matt. 28:20; John 16:13–15).

4. Disciplined to live a life of practicing faith.

- Committed to ‘wanting’ the big things but won’t commit to the small things.
- Commit to the small things and the small things become big things ‘over time’.

Fishers of Men...

- A fisherman needs patience.
- A fisherman needs perseverance.
- A fisherman needs good instinct (discernment).
- A fisherman needs courage.

Are You Fishing?

- Invite someone to church and sit with them?
- Pray for someone (in addition to your immediate family)?
- Have a conversation and share part of your faith story?
- Nudge someone toward a personal relationship with Jesus?

Music

Sermon Part 2

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13 Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. 14 He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach 15 and to have authority to drive out demons.

16 These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter),

17 James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”), 18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot 1 9 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. Mark 3:13-19

Who were the disciples.

Zealot - a political radical determined to overthrow the Romans.
Tax collector - worked for Rome

Four to seven of them were fishermen.
Three (if not fishermen - trades, carpenter, farmers)
All from Galilee and probably knew each other
- except Judas.

They started out as learners.

‘Disciple’ is a word that means learner or student.

They ended up as messengers.

Apostle means sent ones, official representative.
(Luke calls these men apostles 30 times.)

Why choose the unlikely ones?

Because no one would ever doubt where the ability was coming from.

So what does this mean for me?

God is leading you to live your life on a mission.

A life on mission requires discipline.

****Many say they want the big God things for themselves and their family.
But... don't realize that little things become big things 'over time'.**

Remember: You can't change your life in a day, but if you change your days, you will eventually change your life.

There will be friends along the way - living their mission...

If you have the right kind of friends,
you won't fit in unless you are on mission too.

Your mission is not 'for you'. It is 'through you'.

****God sees you for who you were, who you are
and who he is creating you to become.**

Are you ready to fish?