

“Peter Accepts the Call of Discipleship” (lesson #3)

Luke 5:1-11; Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 4:18

1. Relate the miracle in Luke’s account that convinced Peter to become a follower of Jesus.

Many who have the same attitude that Peter exhibited here do not follow Christ. How was Peter’s heart different?

- 1) Peter had a conscience toward God & wanted to please God.
- 2) Peter was truly repentant.
- 3) Therefore Peter was willing to do the work of a disciple.

Another lesson: Man’s best effort (to catch disciples) is doomed to fail without careful obedience to God (He gives the increase when His word is followed).

2. Why did Jesus perform miracles (cf. **John 20:29-31**)?

To believe His Person – To believe His life-giving Word.

3. Peter would become “a fisher of men” (“catch men”). Name two ways Peter would accomplish this (cf. **Mark 16:16; 1 Pet 5:1-4**).

1) Apostle/Evangelist: (preacher; **2 Tim 1:11**)

2) Elder: Feed, Take Oversight, Example – fishermen do not let their catch get away from them.

Willingly for the love of souls

4. How do Christians carry out their role in **saving souls**?

a. **Teaching/preaching** ⇒

Acts 8:1, 4; 2 Tim 2:2-3

It must be a mental priority in conversation

The affairs of life can entangle & prevent

b. **Example** ⇒

Eph 4:1-3; 5:1-2; Phil 3:17-19

Endeavor for unity OF the Spirit (unity based on the Spirit's revelation).

Be followers of God by walking in love as did Christ.

Be followers of Paul.

c. **Restoring the erring** ⇒

Gal 2:14; 6:1; 2 Tim 2:24-26; James 5:19-20

Cases of instructive discipline.

d. **Corrective discipline** ⇒

1 Cor 5:4-7, 11, 13; 2 Thess 3:13-15

[State the reason—in these cases, & how it was to be carried out.]

e. **Joyful enthusiasm** ⇒

Matt 13:44; Acts 8:5-8, 39; Rom 5:1-2; Phil 4:4

Becoming a Christian should not appear to be a sentence but a deliverance.

f. **Confidence in gospel** ⇒

Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 2:1-5; 2 Tim 1:8-12

[What are many putting their confidence in today in an attempt to “catch men” or make disciples?]

If your confidence is in the gospel, then you can put a little more confidence in yourself to make a disciple.

g. **Loving the lost** ⇒

John 3:16; Rom 5:8; Titus 3:4

We must learn to love the lost in the same manner that God loves us.

h. **Supporting evangelists** ⇒

Phil 4:15; 2 Cor 11:8

i. **Prayer** ⇒

Rom 10:1; 2 Thess 3:1-2; 1 Thess 5:16-18

Paul never stopped praying for Israel (Rom 11:23).

j. **Have we missed anything?**

5. What will discourage the “catching of men?” Furnish scriptural support for answers. Example: Internal conflicts as found in James 4:1-10.

Infighting (1 Cor 1:11; Phil 4:2-3) – Schisms: a split or gap (1 Cor 12:24-25)

Take (James 4:1-10) verse by verse.