

Time To Fish

Mark 6:7-13

- I. As Christians we have been called to take the message of salvation to the lost.
- II. This Gospel we have been called to carry is the power of God unto salvation, **Rom. 1:16**
- III. When Jesus called His apostles He told them that they were being called for this purpose, **Mark 1:16,17**
- IV. **As Christian we too must see ourselves as fishers of men, because we have been called for this purpose.**
- V. As we continue our studies in Mark, we now come to a point where Jesus is going to send the Apostles fishing for men.
 1. As He sends them He prepares them for the work ahead.
 2. This is what we want to consider today.
 3. Some things we should know as we going fishing for men.

VI. Read Mark 6:7-13

Trans: Let's consider our first point

1. Go With Authority

- A. As Jesus prepares His apostles for the work ahead He first pairs them up, **Mark 6:7**
 1. He probably pairs them up so their testimony might be established
 2. **Num 35:30**
- B. After pairing them up Jesus sends them out with His authority.
 1. Jesus Gave them authority to heal
 - a. **Mark 6:7,13**
 - b. Matt. 10:2-8
 - c. As Jesus did when He went out, so they were to do.
 2. Jesus gave them authority to teach
 - a. **Mark 6:12**
 - b. **Matt. 10:7**
 - c. This is the message Jesus taught as He began His ministry,
 - d. **Mark 1:14,15**
- C. Like the apostles we too have authority to go and teach.
 1. As is our Scripture reading, Matt. 28:19,20
 2. **2Tim. 2:2**
 3. **2Tim. 4:1-4**
- D. Although we no longer have the gifts necessary to heal as those in the first century did as we teach we can tell of the miracles done by Jesus and His apostles. The goal is the same.
 1. As the apostles healed the sick the people would give heed to the message.
 2. We today can tell of the works of Jesus and draw those who are sick to Him.
 3. **John 20:30,31**

Appl: As Christian we too must see ourselves as fishers of men, because we have been called for this purpose.

We go with the authority Jesus has given us

Trans: Second point

2. Trust In Jesus

A. As Jesus sent His apostles out He restricted what they were to take.

1. **Mark 6:8**
2. **Matt. 10:9-10**

B. As the early disciples began their work there was a need for them to learn to trust Jesus.

C. A time would come when He would no longer be there with them in physical form and what they were going to face could lead some to quit,

1. Acts 5:14-17;27-29,40
2. **2Cor. 11:23-28**

D. Not only did they need faith to deal with the tough times, but they also needed faith in God completing His work through them, **1Cor. 3:6**

E. The same is true for us today. Many times we set out to go fishing for men yet we lack the faith needed to succeed.

1. We doubt that there are any willing to hear
2. We doubt that if they hear they will believe.

F. Our job is to simply trust in God, that He will provide for our needs and provide opportunities to share the Gospel and that some will believe, **Col. 4:2-5**

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We go trusting in Jesus

Trans: Third

3. Receive the willing, reject the unwilling

A. **Mark 6:10-11**

B. The Scriptures state clearly that not everyone will follow Jesus when the message is preached, Mark 6:1-6

C. But there will be some that would believe and it is those that they were to remain with.

1. They should not seek another residence
2. **James 2:1-7**

D. The shaking of the dust from their feet was a show that those taught have nothing to do with them and the apostles have nothing to do with them., **Acts 13:48-52**

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We go receiving the willing and rejecting the unwilling