



## **1. Gone Fishin'!**

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### **Sermon Notes**

*<sup>18</sup> 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.<sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” Matthew 4:12-19a*

**We are “Gone Fishin’” when...**

**WE FLEE REALITY TO AVOID DIFFICULTY,**

**DISAPPOINTMENT, DISCOMFORT, OR DESTINY**

**We Become “Fishers of People” when...**

**WE CATCH GOD’S MISSION TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS**

**WITH REAL PEOPLE IN REAL LIFE**

### **I. Jonah 1:1**

**The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai:**

**Catching God’s Mission...**

**BEGINS WITH GOD’S WORD SPOKEN TO YOU**

*“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. John 10:14-16*

## **II. Jonah 1:2**

**<sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”**

**Catching God’s Mission...**

**REQUIRES FACING THE REALITY OF EVIL AND KNOWING**

**JESUS IS OUR ONLY HOPE**

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6*

## **III. Jonah 1:3**

**<sup>3</sup> But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.**

**Catching God’s Mission...**

**FORCES US TO MAKE A DECISION FOR GOD’S KINGDOM**

**OVER OUR KINGDOM**

*Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? Mark 8:34-37*