



1. Gone Fishin'!

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Sermon Notes

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.¹⁹ "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—¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.¹⁶ 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

² “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

³ 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.³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? Mark 8:34-37