



TALK IT OVER

JESUS: "FOLLOW ME!"

BOTTOM LINE

Following Jesus means bringing people to Christ.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's your favorite seafood. Or none? Have you ever caught a fish? Tell us about it. From the shore? A boat? Did you eat it?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- FISH TRICKS—[Who can follow Jesus?](#) by Andy Stanley

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

From now on you will fish for people. Luke 5:10 NLT

Let me tell you why you are here, You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-14 MSG

The first followers of Jesus didn't think of church as a building, rows, pews, robes, hymnals, bands, or liturgy. The church was simply a gathering of people who came together around one belief: That Jesus was the risen Christ, the Son of the living God. That was all they had. That was enough.

Jesus called some men to follow Him, and He made His agenda clear right up front: "Follow me and I am going to make you into fishers of men." Jesus' agenda for us is the same agenda He had for those who first followed Him.

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My perspective toward a person determines my attitude and value toward them. How can I see this in the way Jesus valued people? How do I see it in me? If I value people, I invest in them and serve them. What are practical ways I can invest and serve that enable me to "fish"? The fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of a transformed life and is the most attractive way to fish—a changed life creates curiosity. Who made you curious and open? "Strength is for service, not status." Discuss.

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will pray consistently for _____ and for those God brings into my path. I will invest, serve, and live a changed life so I can share my hope.

My Action Step: _____
