

Sermon: Becoming Fishers of Men
Series: *Pictures of Disciple-Making*

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-22
Date: May 23, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read Matthew 4:12-17. What does this section teach us about the redemptive plan of God (compare it with Isaiah 9:1-7)?

2) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Jesus called the disciples by name. How does it encourage you in disciple-making that Jesus has also called you to follow him and make disciples?

b) Jesus called the people to repentance (v17) and then called the fishermen to leave everything and follow him (v19). Is there something that stands in the way or you making disciples? Something you need to turn (repent) from?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Respond to this statement: "There's no such thing as a Christian who doesn't reproduce."

b) In what ways will following Jesus require the grace of God in your life?

APPLICATION

a) What priorities might need to change in your life for you to be committed to making disciples. OR... What is one way that you can commit to making disciples who make disciples?

b) Fishing in the first century was a difficult, often dangerous, group activity. How does that relate to the local church's commission to make disciples today? In what way are you part of the disciple-making process at Grace?

FIGHTER VERSES: Galatians 4:4-7.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his call on your life to follow Christ.
- Repent of anything that is holding you back from being a fisher of men.
- Ask God to help you fish for men by his grace.