Sermon Notes for February 12, 2017

Calling Fishermen


Introduction

Deep in the heart of a fisherman is a longing to catch fish.
It was a day of fishing that the disciples never forgot.
It was the day Jesus called them to be fishers of men.


The Sea of Galilee is a beautiful body of water surrounded by hills and valleys.

(Include a picture of the Sea of Galilee here.)

- About 700 feet below sea level.
- About 7 miles wide and 13 miles long.
- By comparison, Mille Lacs Lake is about 3 times larger.

Jesus is teaching and crowds of people have come to hear him.


The best time to catch fish on the Sea of Galilee is at night.

Sometime around midday, Jesus said to Peter, “Put out into the deep water and let down the nets for a catch.”

Peter protests, but in the end, he obeys.

Why did he obey?

He had learned enough about Jesus to believe he was trustworthy.

What if Peter had refused to obey?

God often asks us to do things that are uncomfortable and that will stretch our faith.


Peter and Andrew caught so many fish that their nets began to break.
They signaled their partners, James and John, and they filled both boats so full they began to sink.

Best day fishing ever! It was a miracle.

IV. A Divine Call. Luke 5:8-11
Peter’s response went from joy and amazement to fear.

“Go away from me Lord; I am a sinful man.”

In Peter’s mind, God can’t use sinful people.

Peter’s humility and confession were the very things that qualified him to serve.

God is looking for people who are humble, teachable and obedient.

“Peter, from now on you will catch men!”

Jesus isn’t just the Lord of our life. He is the Lord of our work.

Conclusion

Jesus doesn’t call everyone to leave their vocation, but he does call each of us to catch men.

Sharing the gospel is a skill that anyone can learn. It includes:

- Prayer for the lost.
- Personal Testimony – How did Jesus save you?
- Knowing the Gospel – John 3:16, I Corinthians 15:3-5
- Boldness – Ephesians 6:19-20 and Colossians 4:3-4
- The Power of the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 5:18