



Matthew 4:17

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:18-19

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 make you fishers of men.*"

Fishers of Men

- Fish live around the weeds
 - Weeds are the world. People are afraid, discontented, and they need to be pulled out.
- Fish follow the lure but don't commit.
 - Akin to those that hear and listen to the message but listen only – they don't actually receive and bite the message.
- You have to hit the same spot many times to catch fish.
 - We can't simply give up on people. We must try – give it some time – and try again.
- Different presentations work with different fish – but the goal must be the same.
 - Different methods of evangelism for different people.
- Some fish simply will not be caught.
 - We fish, God catches.
- Sometimes you just have to be in the right place at the right time.
- You can't catch fish if your lure isn't in the water.