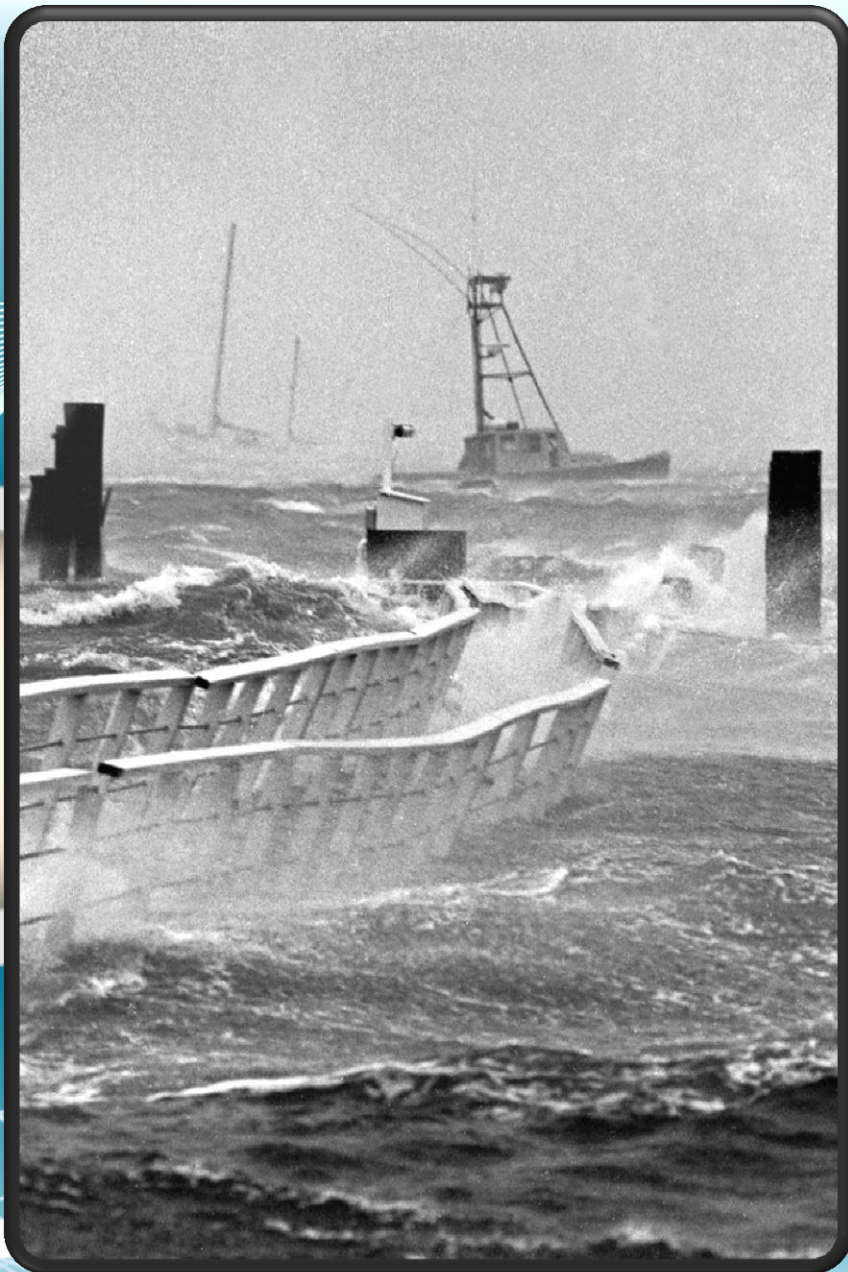


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Jesus said, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

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Review

- Following Jesus involves leaving behind that which is familiar and secure in order to pursue Him and the new life he has for us
- Following Jesus involves valuing Him and His Kingdom above any other allegiance

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- Jesus commands us to go
 - Matthew 28:18-20

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¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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 - Mark 16:15, Luke 24:45-47, John 20:21

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³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

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Small Group Questions:

- Where are the natural places that God has called you to be salt and light? Has God placed anyone on your heart that He may want you to reach out and touch with the love of Christ? If so, who?

In order to catch fish...

...you need to use the right bait

- Prayer

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- Prayer
- Care
 - Spend time with them
 - Serve them

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- Care
- Share
 - Your story
 - Alpha

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Small Group Questions:

- Think about the person or people God has laid on your heart. How can you tangibly show the love of Christ to them?

Conclusion

Jesus calls us to trust Him to reach out and love others into the kingdom