

Why We Have Home Groups: Mission — Mark 1:16-17

Introduction

In Mark 1:16-17 Jesus calls Simon and Andrew to be fishers of men. You might think it's because they were apostles that Jesus calls them to be fishers of men.

But this is not when Jesus calls them to be apostles; that's in Mark 3. This is when Jesus calls them to be everyday, ordinary disciples.

Which means that Jesus calls everyday, ordinary disciples to be fishers of men.

What does it mean to be a fisher of men?

Just as fishers of fish center their lives on catching fish, so fishers of men center their lives on catching men — on helping men and women know and trust Jesus as Savior, Lord, and Treasure.

This means having an ongoing life-giving relationship with Jesus,
Having compassion for lost people,
Being devoted to prayer,
Being expectant that God will work,
Being bold in sharing the Gospel,
Being part of a team of fishers of men.

How can someone like me become a fisher of men?

Notice in v.17 what Simon and Andrew are to do, and what Jesus promises to do.
Simon and Andrew are to follow Jesus.
Jesus promises that as they follow Him, He will make them become fishers of men.

So Jesus promises that even though we aren't fishers of men, as we follow Him He will change us and transform us so we become fishers of men.

How will this happen in our Fall Home Groups?

Our home groups will strengthen each other's faith in Jesus.

Our home groups will be devoted to prayer.

Our home groups will surround you with others who center their lives around the Gospel.

Our home groups will offer training in how to share the Gospel.

Our home groups will offer missional activities so you can take baby steps.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Does it make sense that being a fisher of men means centering your life on catching men? Why or why not? What has your life been centered on?

What makes you think you could never become a fisher of men?

What difference does it make to understand that Jesus promises that HE will make us become fishers of men?

What excited you most about this process? What causes you the most fear? What would Jesus say about each of these?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

