

**October 4, 2009**  
**Mark 1:16-20**

*The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark*  
**The Good News of Deep Purpose**  
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There's Good News for the world . . .



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

Mark 1:17

Write down one thought you will hold onto this week:

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Throughout this week, as you consider this thought, pray about being converted so that your actions in what you have been commissioned to will be changed.

Share about a time when you went fishing? Do you have a story of catching a really big fish or a humorous fishing story?

What is your favorite part of fishing? What might this say about how God has specifically made you to be a fisher of men?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning the trip                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reeling in the fish           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spending time with the people you are fishing with |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoying being in nature                           | <input type="checkbox"/> The anticipation of the catch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooking the bait and casting the line              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting to focus on one thing with no distractions |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The reward of the fish                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Telling fishing stories       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |  |

**READ** Mark 1:16-20

**Challenge / Invitation: “Follow me”**

In what way does this invitation feel freeing to you?

In what ways does it challenge you?

Eugene Peterson says rather than focusing on WWJD we should consider “How Would Jesus Do It.” Discuss the difference.

**Promise: “I will make you”**

How has God helped you become or do something you thought you could never be or do?

What inadequacies or fears are you battling right now?

What do you wish you could become? Is this something you think God desires to create in you?

John Ortberg compares ‘trying’ and ‘training’ to show the difference between our effort to do something on our own and our partnering with God to develop an ability in us. How might you change your mode of discipleship from ‘trying’ to ‘training’? What would the training look like?

**Results: “fishers”**

Jeremy said being a Christian is not a status but rather choosing a life of being on a mission. How does this statement challenge your thinking?

In what way are you becoming a fisher?

Jeremy emphasized that being fishers requires us to view people in the same ways Jesus does. What caught your attention about what he had to say about this viewpoint? Who does this challenge you to see differently?

**PRAY TOGETHER!**