Fishing For People Sun Am 3/17/24 KZ Lesson

# Memory Verse: Matthew 4:19 NKJV

# 19Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Target Thought: Jesus wants everyone saved.

Our Bible lesson today has something to do with fishing. One day, Jesus was walking along the seashore when he saw two brothers named Peter and Andrew. Jesus knew they made their living by fishing, so He called out to them, "Follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Do you know what they did? They laid down their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus wants you and me to fish for people, too. That means that Jesus wants us to tell others about what He has done for us and what He wants to do for them. Fishing for people is a lot like fishing for fish.

Do you enjoy fishing? Have you ever caught a fish? Fishing is a great sport, and if you have ever been fishing and have caught a fish, you know that there’s a great feeling of excitement when you catch a fish. One of the things that makes fishing such a great sport is that it doesn't matter if you’re young or old...you can still be good at fishing. Jesus has ask us to be fishers of men.

What did Jesus mean when He ask us to be fishers of men? He meant that He wanted us to help people to know how to become saved. We know that Jesus has died for us so that we can be saved and live with Him forever right?

What does it take to be good at catching fish? First of all, you need to be properly equipped. You can't just get a piece of string, put a hook on it, and tie it on the end of a stick and expect to catch many fish, can you? No! If you’re serious about fishing, you’ll make sure you have all the right equipment. You’ll want a nice rod and reel. When we are fishing for people we have to have God’s plan for salvation. Let’s read His plan in the Bible.

# Romans 10:9-10 NKJV

# 9that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The next thing you need to know is that you have to go where the fish are to catch fish!

When we are fishing for people, helping them to become saved and know Jesus, where can we fish for people? Everywhere, our family, our neighbors, our friends, our classmates.

Finally, if you want to be good at fishing, you must be patient. Sometimes the fish just aren't biting. You have to wait patiently, and while we are waiting we can do things for people. We pray for them and live as an example for Jesus.

If we will do these things, we can really become fishers of people like Jesus wants us to be. If you think there is a great feeling of excitement in catching a fish, just imagine how exciting it must be to bring someone to Jesus! To know that you helps them to become saved and that they get to live with Jesus now and forever! That everyone you help to become saved will live in Heaven with us!

Dear Jesus, help us become fishers of people. Help us tell others what You have done for us and what you want to do for them. In Jesus’ name, amen.

1. Has Jesus ask us to be fishers of men?
2. What does it mean to be fishers of men?
3. What are the 2 steps for someone to be saved?
4. Where do we fish for people?
5. What 2 things can we do while we are waiting for people to become saved?