

SERMON NOTES



Week 5 (March 21): "Share: Going Fishing"

Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Luke 19:10, John 20:21, John 1:29, 35-46, John 4:28-29, 42

I.	A Rea	ison to Share
	A.	The very act of sharing our about something increases our positive feelings about it.
	В	When we share our faith with others it deepens our faith and love for
		Jesus gave us our marching orders to create new of Him.
II.		e and See
		Jesus' first century followers became followers by an invitation to come and
	B.	Evangelism simply means "spreading news."
		The goal for Jesus' first century followers was not to explain something, but to experience
III.	Going	Public
	_	The closest anyone will ever get to being in the presence of is when they are in a local church that is functioning like the body of Jesus.
	В.	Our faith was never meant to be
		One of the greatest faith experiences you will have is when you invite someone
		into their next step with Jesus and you see their lives
		Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

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INTRODUCTION

From the earliest days of the church until today, people become followers of Jesus in the exact same way: through an invitation. But many people today are uncomfortable sharing their faith for various reasons and they believe that their faith is private. So why does a fully devoted follower of Jesus need to share their faith?

Monday: Acts 1:7-8

Jesus sent his followers out to tell people about Him. This resulted in thousands of people following Jesus in the first few days of Christianity. How did you end up attending church? What drew you there?

Tuesday: Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus makes it clear that we are to create new followers of Him. The idea of spreading the message of Jesus is known as evangelism. When you hear the word "evangelism," what comes to mind? Is your response to the word positive or negative? Why?

Wednesday: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus tells us that as his followers our role is to be 'salt and light' in the world. What are some practical ways that you are salt and light in the lives of people in your circle of influence?

Thursday: Jonah 3

God asked Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to tell the people to repent of their wicked ways and turn to God. Jonah didn't initially go to Nineveh because he thought they were too evil to repent. Have you ever been around people who seemed so far from God that being salt and light in their lives felt like a waste of time? What did you do? What happened?

Friday: John 4:4-30

This passage is another example of the "come and see" approach to evangelism. What kind of place does the church have to be for people to see Jesus when they come?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus gave us our marching orders to go and create new followers of His and that we are to be the light of the world. There are tens of thousands of people who live near our church. Many of them don't know Jesus. As fully devoted followers of Jesus, we want them to experience what we've experienced. So, we invest in relationships with them. And when the time is right, we invite them into an environment where they may have a life changing encounter with their Savior.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) passion, B) God, C) followers. IIA) see, B) good IIC) someone. IIIA) Jesus, B) private, C) changed.