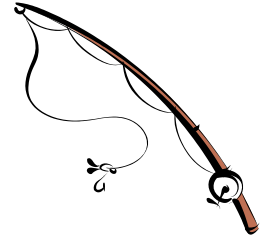


Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Gone Fishing Matthew 4:12-25



Getting Started

Do you like to move? Why or why not?

Digging In

Jesus Begins to Preach (12-17)

1. **Read 4:12-17.** Locate Nazareth and Capernaum in a map at the back of your Bible.
2. How was Jesus' move to Capernaum a fulfillment of prophecy?
3. How does this move demonstrate God's concern for Gentiles?
4. Write a paraphrase of Jesus' message in v. 17. How does Jesus' message in v. 17 compare with that of John the Baptist in 3:1-2?

Jesus Calls the First Disciples (18-22)

5. **Read 4:18-22.** Describe the setting.
6. What all do you think Jesus meant when he told Simon Peter and Andrew to follow him and he would make them fishers of men?
7. How did Simon Peter & Andrew, and James & John respond when called by Jesus? Note the similarities and differences.

Jesus Ministers to the Crowds (23-25)

8. **Read 4:23-25.** How is the comprehensive nature of Christ's ministry seen in this verse? (Note the "___ing" words.)
9. How did Jesus demonstrate the reality of the kingdom's power?
10. We're told in v. 25 that large crowds followed Jesus. Do you think this was the same kind of following as the disciples? Why or why not?

What Now?

- What does it mean to follow Christ today? What is the cost of discipleship?
- How is the preaching of the kingdom to be a part of our message today?