

Fishers or Men (Luke 5: 1-11)

- Jesus taught, preached and healed (Matt 9:35-10:1)
 1. Scattered Sheep without a shepherd (35,36)
 2. Pray the Lord of the harvest send harvesters (37-10:1)
- Similar picture of needy souls gathered around Jesus.
- Jesus calls the disciples to be fishers of men.

I. The Great Need (5:1-3)

- A. The multitudes pressing about Jesus. 5: 1-3
- B. The real and desperate need: *“to hear the word of God.”*
- C. Peter’s pragmatism and unbelief 5:4-5

II. The Miracle of the Great Catch (5:6-7)

- A. the power of Jesus the Messiah
- B. Abundance contrast with impotency of men.

III. Fishers of Men (5: 8-11)

- A. Peter’s humility and worship (v.8)
 - a. Ob: Peter saw Jesus for He is.
 - b. Ob. He saw himself for he was.
- B. Jesus Commissions the Disciples (v.9)
 - a. Ob. Comfort: *“Do not be afraid.”*
 - b. Ob. Jesus commission: *“you’ll catch men.”*
- C. They forsook all and followed Him (v.11)
 - a. Obs. Immediate obedience: *“brought their boats ashore.”*
 - b. Obs. cost you everything: *“forsook all and followed Him.”*

The Son of Man Lifted Up (John 3:14.15)

- Nicodemus – seeks out Jesus at night.
- Jesus: *“unless a man is born again, not enter the kingdom of God.”*
- Nicodemus: How can these things be?
- Jesus: “man from heaven takes us to heaven.” How?

I. The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up (3:14)

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness.”

A. Why is Moses lifting up the serpent in the desert is key to eternal life?

Numb 21: 4-8 “rebellion, sin, curse, healing.”

B. Why did God choose to send serpents to afflict the Israelites?

Sin and rebellion (Gen 3: 4)

C. Why did Moses put a bronze serpent on a pole and lift it up?

Serpent: a symbol of the curse became God’s remedy.

D. The Son of Man is the substance of that imagery.

“Even so the Son, must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

2 Cor 5: 21; Deut 21: 22, 23; Jhn 8:28; 12:31-33

II. If You Believe This, You Will not Perish (3:15)

“Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

A. We are saved and enter heaven by faith alone (John 6: 40)

B. We are saved and enter heaven by faith in Christ alone.

2 Ki 18: 4; 1 Cor 2: 14; 1 Cor 2: 14; Phil 2:3; 2 Cor 3: 17,18