

Fishing for Life
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Jesus showed us that finding those lost to God is on His heart. (Luke 19:10)

Luke 19:10 (NIV84) "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

3 Stories with Common Threads:

1. Something of great value gets lost.
2. There is an all-out search for what is lost.
3. A major celebration breaks out when it's found.

Peter and John explain their reason for fishing. (Acts 4:19-20)

Acts 4:19-20 (NIV84) But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. ²⁰ For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

- Peter and John heal a lame man by the power of Jesus (Acts 3:1-10)
- Peter shares the message of Christ with the crowd who gathers (Acts 3:11-26)
- Peter and John are arrested, but over 5000 decide to follow Christ (Acts 4:1-4)
- After a night in jail, they are brought before the leaders to explain (Acts 4:5-11)

He goes on to say that...

1. Salvation is found in no one else (Acts 4:12)

Acts 4:12 (NIV84) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

2. Our message is not intuitive, so it must be shared (Acts 4:13)

Acts 4:13 (NIV84) When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

3 Components of our Witness

- Tell others (Acts 20:24)
- Bring others (John 1:35-49; Luke 5:27-29)
- Show others (John 17:23; John 13:34-35)

Fishing is always a team effort.

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| • The Seventy (Luke 10:1-29) | • Peter and John (Acts 3 & 4) |
| • Paul, Barnabas and John Mark (Acts 13) | • Paul and Silas; Barnabas and John Mark (Acts 15) |
| • Paul and Timothy | • Paul sending Epaphroditus (Philippians 2:29) |

Teaming up allows for the witness of the body. (John 17:22-23; 13:34-35)

John 17:22-23 (NIV84) I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 13:34-35 (NIV84) "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Next Steps – This week, I will...

- ☐ Memorize: Luke 19:10
- ☐ Thank God for the person who helped me to know Christ.
- ☐ Make myself available this week to share Christ with those around me.
- ☐ Find a team to learn from and partner with to fish.