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Ultimately, Jesus' call to be fishers of men also implies that we ourselves are continually being transformed. As we follow Him, we learn to fish for men; we develop a heart for others that mirrors Christ's love. We are called to be conduits of His grace, sharing not only the message of salvation but also living out the principles of His kingdom.

As you reflect on Matthew 4:19 today, consider where the Lord is leading you to fish. Identify those around you who need hope, healing, and the gospel message. Be encouraged that you do not follow alone; Jesus walks with you, promising to make you into the vessel He desires you to be. Let us heed His call and embrace our role in the great adventure of faith—fishing for men in the vast ocean of life.

#### Lift Up in Prayer

Pray for the leaders of the world as they navigate complex challenges with wisdom, courage, and peace; Archie's recovery from surgery, asking for healing, strength, and comfort; Yu Bedwell's uncle as he undergoes cancer treatment, asking for endurance, effective care, and God's peace; David's four children, that they would grow in salvation, faith, and obedience; Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation; Jonathan's wife as she undergoes chemotherapy; Caleb and Carissa Pierce as they enter a new season as long-term caregivers for a sweet baby boy they are calling Beau; Jim as he departs the Army and transitions into the civilian sector; Isaiah Whalen has found a ministry role; God would strengthen and unite Western Hills Christian Church; Jason R. Tucker's recovery after an assault by a motorcycle club, asking for physical healing, emotional strength, and protection; Robert Medlock's family, asking for spiritual strength, unity, and peace; May God give the Michaelis family and Stanley (her husband) comfort, strength, and peace as they grieve Nancy's loss. We pray they find solace in cherished memories, feel the warm embrace of community support, and experience a gentle peace to carry them through the difficult days ahead. **Brother Carl and TJ, his son—may God grant them strength, healing, and peace throughout their recovery. With Alondra's due date three weeks away, praying for a safe delivery, good health for her and the baby, guidance for the medical team, and a quick recovery. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

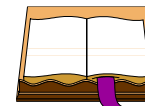
# CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Sunday Bible Study 10:00*

*Sunday Worship 11:00*

*Camp Humphreys Pacific*

*Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)*



*Wednesday Bible Study 18:30*

*Camp Humphreys Pacific*

*Victors Chapel*

*Rooms: 143 (Adults)*

*164 (Children)*

October 18, 2026

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*"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31)*

#### Called to be Fishers of Men

By Francis Schaeffer

In the Gospel according to Matthew, we come across a profound invitation from the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 4:19 (KJV): "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This verse encapsulates not only the essence of discipleship but also highlights the transformational journey that every believer is called to embark upon. Here we find Jesus, early in His ministry, calling His first disciples—Peter and Andrew, who were fishermen by trade. In this moment, Jesus redefines their identity and purpose.

This calling to "follow" Christ is foundational to our Christian faith. It implies a commitment to venture into a relationship that is rooted deeply in trust and obedience. When Jesus beckons us to follow Him, He is inviting us into a lifestyle of discipleship where we learn from Him, grow in faith, and align our lives with His will. It is essential to recognize that this instruction is not merely a request to walk physically behind Him but a profound invitation to embrace His teachings and emulate His character.

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The phrase "I will make you fishers of men" suggests a significant transformation from their previous vocation to one that holds eternal implications. Jesus doesn't just ask these fishermen to follow Him; He promises to equip them for a new mission. This reflects the core of God's plan for humanity: to reach out and bring others into His kingdom. Just as the original disciples were transformed from catching fish to catching hearts, each follower of Christ is called to engage in this divine mission—rescuing souls from the sea of sin and darkness.

To be "fishers of men" requires us to adopt a mindset that is outward-looking. Jesus is not merely offering a change in profession but instilling in His followers a sense of purpose that aligns with God's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20). This calling is not limited to agents of evangelism or ministry leaders alone; it extends to every believer. In our unique contexts—be it at work, at school, in our neighborhoods, or within our families—we are called to reflect Christ's light and share the gospel.

What does it mean to be a fisher of men in contemporary society? It starts with understanding the hearts of those around us—showing empathy, listening attentively, and being truly present in their lives. It means living a life that demonstrates the love of Christ, allowing our actions to speak as loudly as our words. Each small gesture of kindness or opportunity for sharing our faith counts; they can stir curiosity and create pathways to deeper conversations about Jesus.

Moreover, the act of fishing requires patience and perseverance. We know that catching fish takes skill, timing, and often quite a bit of waiting. Likewise, as we seek to lead others to Christ, we might face rejection or indifference. However, we are called to persist, trusting that the Holy Spirit works in hearts in ways we may not see. Just as fishermen rely on the right bait or technique, we must equip ourselves with prayer, Scripture, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to effectively reach those God places in our lives.

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A men's business meeting will be held on October 25, 2026, in the children's classroom following the worship service. Attendees will develop a spending plan for the newly approved congregational balance of \$10,546.77.

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**October 11, 2026**

**Attendance:**

**37**

**Contribution:**

**620.00 Dollars**

**93,000 KRW**