

# Followers of Christ

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." *Luke 5v1-4*

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. *Luke 5v5-7*

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. *Luke 5v8-11*

What does it mean to  
be a follower of  
Jesus?

John 1: Andrew introduces Simon to Jesus

John 2: The wedding, water to wine

Luke 4: Peter's Mother in Law is healed

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Simon Peter the fisherman









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When I look into Your holiness

When I gaze into Your loveliness

When all things that surround become shadows

In the light of You

# What shall we do?

Repent

Surrender



**Do not  
be  
afraid!**



# Is following Jesus for you...

A dynamic relationship?

A stale religion?



And he said to them, “Follow me,  
and I will make you fishers of men.”

*Matthew 4v19*

# We are all commissioned

To make disciples of all peoples

*Matthew 28*

To be witnesses everywhere

*Acts 1*

To reflect the light of Jesus

*Matthew 5*

To be fishers of men

*Luke 5*

7.9 billion people

3 billion have never  
heard the Good  
News

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