

BECOME A FISHER OF MEN
Matthew 4:17-22

- I. **As a fisher of men we call people to a necessary repentance (17a).**
Matthew 3:1-2: In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”**
- Acts 2:38: Then Peter said to them, **“Repent,** and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- II. **As a fisher of men we call people to a life-long Lordship (17b-19).**
Luke 9:23: Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and **follow Me.**
- John 12:26: If anyone serves Me, **let him follow Me;** and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.
- Psalms 103:19: The Lord has established His throne in heaven, **and His kingdom rules over all.**
- III. **As a fisher of men we call people to an immediate decision (20-22).**
2 Corinthians 6:2: For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” **Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**
- James 4:14: whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. **For what is your life? It is even a vapor** that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.