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HIGH CALLING DISCIPLESHIP 11

Jesus' Teaching: Fish

Matthew 4:18-20 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. [19] "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and <u>I will send you out to fish for people</u>." [20] At once they left their nets and followed him. NIV
(Also Mark 1:17)

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19]Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." NIV

Mark 13:10 [Jesus said,] "And the gospel must first be preached to all nations." NIV

Mark 16:15 [Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." NIV

Luke 24:46-47 [Jesus] told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, [47]and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." NIV

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." NIV

Acts 1:8 [Jesus said,] "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." NIV

This is a _____ part of our _____.
      A Parable of Fishless Fishermen by John M. Drescher (tinyurl.com/fishless)

We need to _____ to this mission!
      Think of it as Jesus' _____ that he gives and _____ us in.
         Luke 6:46 [Before talking about the wise and foolish builder, Jesus said,]
         "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" NIV

Think of it as _____ discipleship, not elite-level spiritual nirvana.

> Luke 17:7-10 "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? [8] Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? [9] Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? [10] So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" NIV

Don't push back on God what he _____ to _____.

We can start with taking practical steps.

Helpful sermons on www.theriochurch.com:
- Fishing Like Jesus
- Something Anything
- The Commands of Christ 10: Make Disciples
- I Can Do All Things…
- Witness
- Two Types of People
- The Father's Heart
- Becoming Uncommon
- Animation 6 – Woman at the Well – Sharing Life
- My Work in the Lord – A Higher Calling 10
- Telling People about Jesus - Questions, Excuses, and Fears
- New Life with Christ 3 - Refusing the Inevitability of the Way Thing Are
- Decision

Resources:
- Bridge diagram with a tract: tinyurl.com/DYKBooklet
- Bridge diagram without a tract: tinyurl.com/howtogotoheaven
- Three Circles: tinyurl.com/3CirclesTraining & tinyurl.com/3CirclesIn3Min
- TTR Color-coded Bibles: tinyurl.com/TTRgospel

A few ideas:
- Intentionally pray for gospel opportunities. (Or pray for the courage to be willing to pray for gospel opportunities.)
- Have a neighborhood barbeque or ice cream social to meet people.
- Invite a neighbor to dinner.
- Give someone a tract.
- Ask someone if he/she ever thinks about spiritual things.
- Write a personal testimony tract.
- Share a gospel message on social media.
- Create a short testimony video.
- Write a gospel-sharing Christmas letter
- Enclose a tract with a bill you pay through the mail.
- Stick a tract in an airplane magazine.
- Leave a tract in a public bathroom.
- Ask an unsaved friend how you can pray for them.