

***Intro:***

Main Point of Text: Once Jesus begins His public ministry, He immediately finds and calls His first ministers into active training for the public, sacrificial, single-minded service of advancing His Kingdom to make other disciples.

Sermon Point: *Kingdom Disciples Drop Everything to Follow Christ's Call.*

***Move 1: Jesus is always recruiting ministers to disciple to make kingdom disciples.***

Jesus is walking, seeing, and calling (Vss. 18a, 19, 21a/c). Watching, qualifying, recruiting. Effective recruiter. Speaking to all twelve disciples later on in Jn. 15:16: *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain ...* Effectual calling. And official calling (Heb. 5:4-5). He shares His work (brothers).

***Move 2: Jesus shows what qualifications to look for in good minister recruits.***

Vss. 18, 21: seen casting/mending nets: hard workers in hard work. Responsible. Reliable. Catching or preparing to work. Peter: "Rock". Andrew: "Brave" or "vow". Patient and persistent through disappointments. Skillful (last Greek word, casting nets with skill). Men. Jesus watched for a year (John 1:35-42). Experienced workers, experienced with Jesus. 1 Tim. 3:6. Pastors are to constantly be preaching (casting) and constantly be studying (mending). Ministry candidates should already be found working. And working with people. Reading and *relating* (vs. 22).

***Move 3: Good ministers will prove to be good recruits.***

Left immediately: vss. 20, 22. Responsive. Leadable. Teachable: Luke 5:1-3. Dropped everything. Luke 5:11: "forsook all". Matthew himself left all to follow: Luke 5:27 (Levi). Took the job and trained. Good ministers follow Jesus' footprints quickly, Ps. 63:8: *My soul followeth hard after thee.* Good ministers can make commands, because they can take commands. They keep the faith to keep fishing (Lk. 5:4-5).

***Move 4: You are all discipleship recruits.***

Vs. 19 "follow me". Fish swim in schools. Point, Mt. 28:18-20. Lk. 14:25-28: Discipleship is costly. Discipleship is rewarding: Mark 10:29-31. Be kingdom disciples.

***Conclusion:***

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