



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of Ashley River Baptist Church

AN ALLURING FAITH Matthew 4:18-20

We most truly follow Christ when we become fishers of men.
Our desire should be to be “men-catchers” for Christ.
When Jesus draws us, we shall draw men.

I. PREPARATION BY THE FISHERMAN. "Follow Me"

1. We must belong to Him and be separated to Him, that we may pursue His object. Matt. 6:24.
2. We must abide with Him, that we may catch His spirit. Following near means full fellowship.
3. We must obey him to learn his method.
 - Teach WHAT He taught. Matt. 28:20
 - Teach AS He taught. Matt. 11:29, 1 Thes. 2:7
 - Teach THOSE He taught - children, the poor, etc.
4. We must believe Him that we may believe true doctrine.
Christ's own teaching catches men. Let us repeat it.
5. We must copy His life that we may win His blessing from God.

II. PROVISION BY THE CAPTAIN "I will make you"

In following Jesus we are taught how to make the catch.

1. By our following Jesus, he works conviction and conversion in men. He uses our example.
2. By our discipleship, the Lord makes us fit to be used. True soul winners are not self made.
3. He instructs us till we become proficient in the holy art of Soul winning.
4. By inward persuasion, He guides us.
5. By His spirit, He qualifies us and speeds us in our work, making us true fishers.

III. PROFILE OF THE PRODUCT "Fishers"

The person who seeks to saves souls is like a fisherman.

1. A fisherman is dependent and trustful.
2. He is diligent and persevering.
3. He is intelligent and watchful/patient.
4. He is laborious and self-denying.
5. He is daring - not afraid to venture out
6. He is successful.

CONCLUSION: Your life is a lure. How effective are you? See how we can partake in the Lord's work and as his workmanship, lure others unto Him and eternal life: "... follow me and I will make you fishers of Men."