

MORE THAN FOLLOWERS

INTRODUCTION:

1. In Luke 5:27 Jesus said to Levi, “Follow Me” Levi—also known as Matthew—followed Jesus
 - a. It is the premise of this lesson that Matthew, and all the apostles, were *more than followers*. These men were involved in equipping others to lead.
 - b. The Great Commission – Matthew 28:19-20
 - c. These disciples obeyed Jesus and were successful in impacting the world for Him.
2. What caused them to be successful? That is the question we will explore in our study.

Luke 5:1-11

- I. Jesus, the Apostles, and You and Me
 - A. What Jesus did.
 1. In His 3 ½ year ministry, the focus was not merely to gain followers.
 2. If this mission was to gain followers, how successful was He?
 3. Instead of gaining followers, Jesus had a more focused mission – preparing men, Matthew 10:16, 27 ; John 17:14, 20
 4. 3 ½ years of training and equipping of His Apostles
- B. What the Apostles did.
 1. Trained others to be leaders

2. Consider the work of Paul. From Acts 13 onward, Paul never seemed to go anywhere or do anything without having someone at his side.
 - a. Acts 13:2, 13
 - b. Acts 15:40
 - c. Acts 16:1-3
 - d. Acts 16: 9-10
 - e. Acts 18:1-3
 - f. Acts 20:4-5
3. Were these other Christians merely co-workers with Paul or were they something else?
 - a. II Timothy 2:2
 - b. Paul tells Timothy to do as he has done. Timothy was to be a MENTOR!

C. What we must do.

1. Remember the example of Jesus and His disciples and the Apostle Paul.
2. Task now falls to us
3. Our mission – Ephesians 4:11-13
4. There is a genuine need for more workers – Matthew 9:36-38
5. Did someone, somewhere, at some time, train YOU to serve?

II. **You can impact the future.**

A. That's what leaders do

1. We mentor others. What is a Mentor? _____

2. Jesus forever changed the world with the 12 men He chose.
3. The impact in our homes. Ephesians 6:1-4

B. That's what Shepherds do

1. Bishops in the Lord's church should impact the future in at least two ways.
2. Elders should be trusted counselors who, not only guide others, but with respect to some of God's people, Elders should replicate themselves.
3. Why do some churches, that use to have Elders, find themselves without Elders today?

C. That's what Jesus did

1. Jesus thought beyond the present and planned beyond the present. Matt 28:20
2. He thought long term! Here are seven things Jesus did as He mentored His Disciples:

- a. He saw their potential. Matt 9:4
- b. He focused on the best potential leaders.
- c. He was patient with those He trained. Matt 17:1-4
- d. He treated them as individuals. John 14:5-6, 8-9
- e. He invested time in individuals. Matt 17:1, John 13-1-5
- f. He asked for an enormous commitment. Mark 10:28, Matt 28:19-20
- g. He prepared them to succeed. Matt 16:18, Acts 1:8

- D. We can use every one of these things as we train and mentor others

CONCLUSION

1. What is your place of service in the kingdom?
2. You DO have a place. Ephesians 4:11-16
3. If you recognize you have a place, then mentor another to fit into that place.

Harmony of Luke 5:10

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41. Jesus finds four fishers of men in four fishermen

Mat 4:18-22

18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Mar 1:16-20

16 As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

18 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

19 Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets.

20 Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.

Luk 5:1-11

5:1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;

2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and *began* teaching the people from the boat.

4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets."

6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began* to break;

7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw *that* he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also *were* James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."

11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him

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