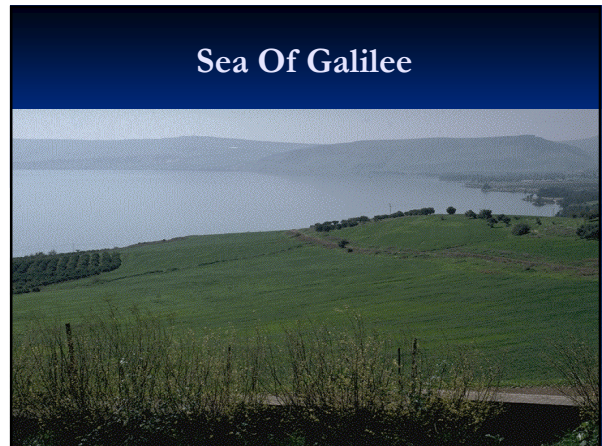


Fishers Of Men

Matthew 4:18-20



- The invitation for fishermen
- The preparation of fishermen.
- The qualities.
- The attitudes of good fishermen.

The Invitation

- Jesus, the supreme seeker of men. cf. John 10:10-13; Luke 15:4
 - Cared for the Lost. 2 Corinthians 8:9
- Apostles suffered. cf. Acts 4:21; 5:17; 5:40-42; Acts 6-7 Stephen
 - cf. Acts 8:4
- Admonition to us. cf. Matthew 28:18ff
 - "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." Mark 1:17

Preparation

- Jesus "appointed twelve, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach" Mark 3:14
 - They were to be with him. cf. Acts 4:13
 - Learning necessary. Matthew 11:28
 - Prayer and meditation necessary. cf. Matthew 22:37
- False notions.
 - Must master the ability to speak smoothly. cf. John 1:40-42
 - Must master the Bible. cf. Hebrews 5:11ff

Personal Qualities

- Patience. Hebrews 10:35-36; Galatians 6:9; Colossians 1:10-11
- Selective. John 16:12
- Persistent. cf. Joshua and Caleb. Numbers 14:24, 38; Acts 3:12; 4:8; 5:30; Acts 14:19-22
- Courageous.
 - World can be troublesome. Acts 17:6
 - Before Jewish court. cf. Acts 4:7-12; 5:28-32; Acts 6:7
 - Saints in Caesar's Household. Philippians 4:22; cf. 1:12-13
 - Persecutor. 1 Timothy 1:12ff
 - Publicans and harlots. Matthew 21:31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Personal Qualities

- Industrious. Luke 15
- Alert. John 4

Proper Attitudes

- The person he is teaching. Matthew 16:26
- The good news being taught. Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:21; John 20:30-31; John 12:48; Acts 20:20, 26
- The power of love to bring them together.
 - God loves the sinner. John 3:16; Romans 5:8; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:11
 - 1 Corinthians 15:10; 1 Corinthians 13

Conclusion:

- Awesome responsibility. Ephesians 6:12
- Each Christian Responsible. 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:2