



Stepping Into...

Stepping Out

Why is Fishing Important?

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is 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.

- Matthew 4:18-20 (ESV)



Principles of Effective Fishing

Look for the Fish:

There is no point fishing where there are no fish.

Are you looking for the fish?

¹⁹ **GO** therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Where are those in your world you can reach?

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Position ourselves near the fish!

Sometimes the fish are in the most difficult part of the lake.

Are we willing to GO to the difficult places to reach people?

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Wisdom of Drawing in:

Different fish are drawn to different things (good and bad).
To be effective, recognise what is going to draw in the fish.

What draws people in to hearing about Jesus?

Holy Spirit at work and my availability!

- Be likeable... What are their interests? Spiritual appetite?

Be willing to take time to understand and relate to people.

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¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews...

²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law... that I might win those outside the law.

²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-22 (ESV)

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People are drawn to spiritual authenticity:

The Holy Spirit – works in us and draws people to us.

- The evidence of the Holy Spirit in us that people can see.

What makes us stand out?

¹⁵ Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. ¹⁶ ... to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. - 2 Corinthians 2:15-16 (NLT)

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Landing the Catch:

Learn when to challenge – God's Timing.

- Pull too quickly, they're gone.
- Don't push enough, we lose them.

Sometimes it takes multiple people to land the fish.

“⁶ I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” - 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

With fishing it takes patience - a journey can take time.



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