

Message Series: MOVEMENT – Following Jesus into the Harvest (10-23-16)

## FOLLOWING & FISHING

***Matt. 4:18—20<sup>18</sup> And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.<sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."<sup>20</sup> They immediately left their nets and followed Him. (c.f. Luke 5:1-11)***

### I. FOLLOW ME

- A. We see Jesus inviting people to follow Him in the Gospels. He was always modeling it and passing it on. We are given the task of extending the invitation of Jesus to the nations. (Matt. 28:18-20)
- B. Paul also takes this approach: Imitate me, follow my example, follow me as I follow Christ.  
***1 Cor. 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.***

### II. FISHER OF MEN

- A. Jesus captured people's hearts whenever He proclaimed the message of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' call to follow is to become a fisher of men.

### III. PROCLAIMING AND DEMONSTRATING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- A. How was Jesus a fisher of men? Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God and demonstrated the Kingdom of God. Proclamation and demonstration of the Kingdom go hand in hand. (Matt. 4:23; Luke 10:8-9)

### IV. DEMONSTRATING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- A. "Can I pray for you?" (Care for people and demonstrate the Kingdom of God).
- B. When we approach people anywhere and offer to extend the kingdom of God to them, we are putting on the armor of God. (Eph. 6:15), acting as an ambassador of Christ (2 Cor. 5:17-21). You're calling the person to be reconciled to God.
- C. You are a minister (servant) of Christ, a missionary (have a mission, the Great Commission). Your Ministry is the people in your life.