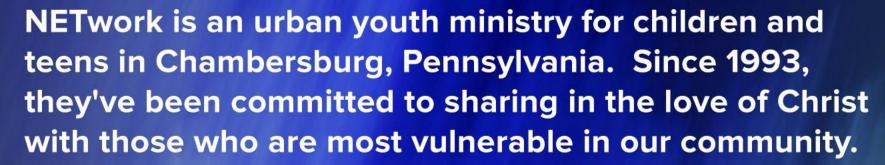


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On Safari with Jesus | Luke 5:1-11

Luke Chapter 5

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

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

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

- Jesus in John 10

Jesus is calling people (the sheep!) from all over the world into his Kingdom – and he calls his disciples (us!) to help bring them in, to go out and fish for them.



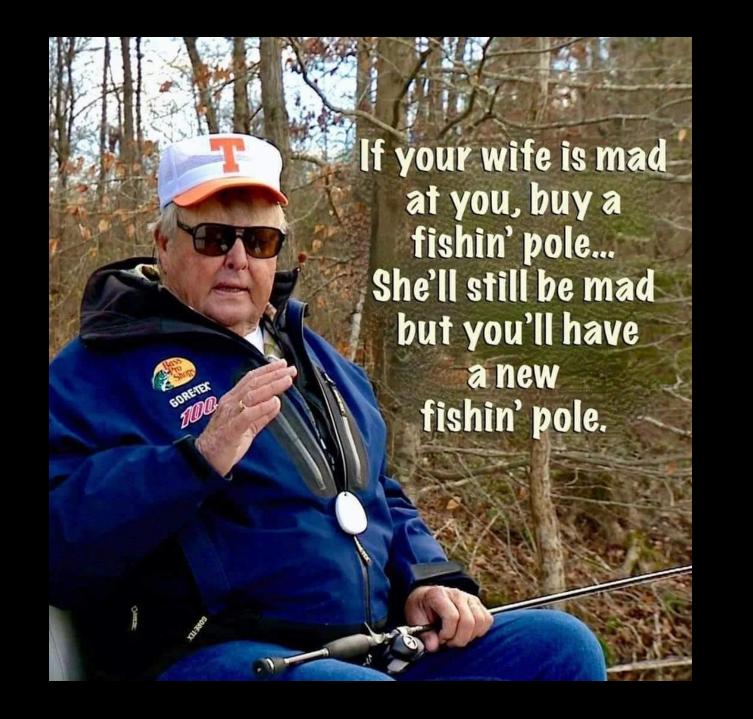
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Second, we have to sharpen up our sheep-fishing skills.



Q: How do you know where to find fish?

If I were at a strange lake, I would go to the marina and ask to find out at what depth the fish are being caught. You can take the best lure in the world and fish at the wrong depth and not catch anything, but you can take the worst lure and fish at the right depth and catch a few.

- Bill Dance



Where is Jesus calling you to go and fish for sheep?

