

January 16 - Week 2 – Questions to Consider

Matthew 3 & 4, Mark 1, Luke 3 & 4

1. How do you think John the Baptist's message of repentance would go over today? What about his dialogue with the religious leaders? (Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-22)
2. What stands out to you in Jesus' baptism account (Matthew 3:12-17, Mark 1:9-11)? Why do you think God did this so publicly?
3. When Jesus is tempted by Satan, how does He respond (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1-12)? When Satan tempts Jesus, how does he do it? What can we learn for our battles against Satan's deceptions and temptations? How can we better prepare for the battles that are ahead?
4. Like John, Jesus preaches for repentance (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14). How should that affect our approach to evangelism and conversations with unbelievers?
5. What does it mean to be a fisher of men? (Mark 1:17) How does the example of the first disciples "immediately" responding to and following Jesus encourage your faithful obedience?
6. How is Jesus' teaching different then? (Mark 1:22, 27) How is Jesus' teaching different than many false teachers today?
7. How does Jesus preach in his hometown of Nazareth? (Luke 4:16-30) How do they respond? How might we similarly expect opposition when declaring God's truth? When was a time you faced opposition for being faithful to the Bible?
8. How does Jesus' authority over the demonic (Luke 4:31-41) and diseases encourage your faith? Do you struggle with believing in any of Jesus' miracles? Why or why not?
9. What does Jesus say is His purpose (Luke 4:43)? How does that connect with our purpose?

General Discussion Questions

- Context Questions: Who is writing this? Who is it being written to? When? Why? What type of writing is this? How does this matter to my understanding of the meaning of these chapters?
- Application Questions: How do you need to respond to and apply these truths to your life? (Is there a sin to avoid? A command to obey? An example to follow? A prayer to offer? A truth to remember or memorize? An attitude to change? A teaching to share?)

This Next Week's New Testament Reading Plan:

Mark 2, John 2-5

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”~ Jesus

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

What is Jesus' Invitation?

How can we respond to an i_____?

Ignore It. Fake It. Reject It. Accept It.

How did Simon Peter and his brother Andrew respond? (Matt 4:20) James & John? (Matt 4:22)

How are you responding to Jesus' call?

Are you following Jesus?

If not, why not today?

If so, how can you improve in 2022?

What does it look like to f_____ someone?

Proximity. Sound. Sight. Smell. Touch. Example.

How does Jesus want you to follow Him?

Bible. His Name. His Works. His Character.

His Spirit. His Truth. His Love.

Proverbs 11:30 “whoever captures souls is wise.”

When we follow Jesus, what does He do?

Why does He make us “fishers of men”?

How does He make us “fishers of men”?

What is our responsibility?

When was the last time you went fishing?

How does a fisher catch a fish?

What are the challenges of fishing?

What are the joys of fishing?

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Need Motivation?

“What does the Bible say about Hell?”

www.trustworthyword.com/what-does-the-bible-say-about-hell

Jude 23 “save others by snatching them out of the fire”

Ready to get started?

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www.southfork.church/2022-bible-reading-plan

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3. Equip Yourself.

www.trustworthyword.com/what-bible-verses-are-good-for-christians-to-memorize

4. Go Fishing. Start Casting the Net

Who do you know now...

- That God has put you into their lives purposefully
- That you are sincerely concerned for spiritually
- That God is calling you to:
 1. Pray for more urgently
 2. Witness to more boldly
 3. Love more sacrificially
 4. Invite more courageously
 5. Invest in more intentionally

Will you?

Follow Jesus more closely in 2022?

Let Him make you a “fisher of men”?

Answer with your action. *Start with one soul.*

Who is God calling you to go after now?

1. Place their name, initials, or a symbol on a cutout.
2. Clip the cutout to a net.
3. Commit to that soul for 2022.
4. Add more as the Lord leads.

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