

COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTIONS ONLY

Fall 2024 - Salty Church - "Fisher of Men"
Monday, Oct. 21 - Sunday, Oct. 27 (Week 7)

Throughout our sermon series called "Salty Church," Pastor Mike has emphasized the importance of being "salty" followers of Jesus, drawing from Luke 12:34-35, where Jesus describes the value of salt. A church can only be as "salty" as its members, meaning that the presence of Jesus must be tangible in the lives of believers. The series outlines five key traits of discipleship: putting Jesus first in love, practicing fearless generosity, having freedom to serve, being fishers of men, and faithful in prayer. In this sermon, Pastor Mike underlines that true fellowship with Jesus comes before the task of evangelism, stressing that a disciple's life should revolve around their relationship with Christ, which naturally leads to influencing others in our spheres of influence to follow Him. Focusing on the concept of being "fishers of men," Pastor Mike explains that every believer has the responsibility to share their faith and draw others to Jesus. He notes that one's life will gravitate toward what they prioritize, and if that priority is Jesus, the mission to reach others will become central. Rather than viewing evangelism as an additional burden, Pastor Mike encourages us to integrate faith into everyday life through "gospel intentionality," allowing their daily interactions—whether at work or with family—to reflect their relationship with Christ. By making Jesus the first priority and main focus of our lives, we can fulfill God's mission in using us to invite others into the kingdom of God.

QUESTION #1: What does it mean to you personally to be a "fisher of men"? How does this concept challenge or encourage you in your walk with Christ?

QUESTION #2: The sermon mentioned that whatever your life orbits around, you will naturally fish for people to enter that orbit. What do you think your life currently orbits around, and how does that influence those around you?

QUESTION #3: Are there areas in your life where you feel you have lost your "saltiness" or influence for Christ? What might be contributing to this, and how can you seek restoration?

QUESTION #4: What are some fears or barriers you face when it comes to sharing your faith with others? How can the group support you in overcoming these challenges?

QUESTION #5: What is one practical way you can infuse gospel intentionality into your daily routine this week? Share a specific context (e.g., work, family, hobbies) where you can be more intentional.

QUESTION #6: Who is "your person"? Who is one person God is bringing to heart and mind for you that you really want to know Jesus? Share this person with the group. How can you begin to influence them towards faith in Christ? Spend time praying for these individuals as a group.