

Fish for People

I. INTRO

- A. We are spending the next few weeks in a vision-casting series (Catalyze 2026) before we jump back into 2 Samuel
- B. Catalyze 2026 is a series that calls Revolve to follow Jesus and to fish for people in community with one another.
- C. As we enter 2026, we are committing to Christ-exalting obedience and praying to form simple, reproducible Discovery Bible Studies that help people encounter Scripture, follow Jesus together, and pass it on.
- D. Our prayer is to see 100 Discovery Bible Studies form this year.
- E. We are doing sermons a little out of order b/c of some moving parts, but...
 - 1. LAST WEEK: Catalyze Cape May
 - 2. TODAY: Fish for People
 - 3. NEXT WEEK: Follow Jesus
 - 4. END of JANUARY: Catalyze the Globe
 - 5. FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY: In Community
- F. Luke 5, Matt 4, Mark 1 → story of Peter
 - 1. *Mark 1:17–18, And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.*
 - 2. I love these two verses b/c we see the DNA of what it means to be a Christian:
 - a) Follow Jesus... Fish for people... in community with others
 - b) You need each of these to be healthy → 3D relationship
 - (1) God // the world // one another
- G. For years, we have turned to the business world and Hollywood for advice about how to reach the world, but Jesus gives clear marching orders.
 - 1. We see it in the gospels... we see it in Acts... we see it echo throughout the world today in the great movements of missions...
- H. Let's turn to Luke 10 to see a snippet of Jesus' strategy for reaching the lost

II. Luke 10:1–11

- A. *[1] After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. [2] And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*
 - 1. Follow and Fish in Community
 - 2. They are following Jesus... they've been with him, they are becoming like him, they are starting to do the things he does
 - a) With a heart of compassion, Jesus went out proclaiming the Kingdom, healing the sick, casting out demons, etc
 - 3. 2x2 → He is about to send them out in community
 - a) Accountability, boldness, encouragement, love
 - 4. Harvest is NOW → people are more ready than you realize

- a) John 3
- 5. Therefore, what should we do? PRAY
 - a) Pray to whom? Lord of the Harvest (his work to do)
 - b) Pray for what? More workers, laborers
 - (1) Co-Laborers (Sharpening believers to COME with)
 - (2) From the harvest (New believers equipped to JOIN)
- B. *[3] Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.*
 - 1. Sheep among wolves → Dangerous work b/c it's enemy territory
- C. *[4] Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.*
 - 1. Carry no → rely on God
 - 2. Greet no one → Commitment, Consistency, FOCUS
- D. *[5] Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' [6] And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. [7] And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. [8] Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. [9] Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*
 - 1. What do you do?
 - a) Speak peace (Shalom)
 - (1) Looking for where God is already at work
 - (2) Not your job to do the work → his job
 - (3) Where is he already working
 - (4) Fishing: Throwing out a line and watching the bobber
 - b) Remain → goal is to find someone and stay
 - (1) Do you have a friend who seems open? INVEST
 - (2) Don't wait, don't hesitate. This is GO time
 - c) Proclaim, Heal, Help → Share the truth and power of the Kingdom of God
- E. *[10] But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, [11] 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'*
 - 1. People don't want to hear it? Don't sweat it // shake it off
- F. Summarize → FISH
 - 1. **Find your field**
 - a) Your field → live, work, learn, and play
 - 2. **Intercede** for the lost, for fellow workers, for your field of influence
 - 3. **Share the Good News**
 - a) This comes in various forms
 - b) From your place of closeness to Jesus, you share:
 - (1) His words, his works, his heart, etc
 - 4. **Help Form Groups**
 - a) Gather people around the Bible and let the Word change them rather than extracting them from their community
 - b) Explain DBS // Discovery Group // Discipleship Group

5. Summarize → FISH

III. CASE STUDIES

A. Levi // Matthew

1. Luke 5:27–32, After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.
 - a) Plc
2. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.
 - a) Pic
3. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

B. Zaccheus

1. Luke 19:1–10, He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.
 - a) Pic
 - b) Pic
2. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

C. Others

1. Story of Samaritan Woman... the Demoniac... Cornelius... Lydia... the Philippian Jailer...
2. This isn't new
3. FISH slide
4. Alternative: Extraction Evangelism
 - a) Demoniac pic
 - b) Demoniac pic
5. What could happen if we embraced the model Jesus modeled?

IV. REVIEW of F.I.S.H

- A. **Find** YOUR field (talk through drawing)
- B. **Intercede** over it

1. What works for you? Calendar? List?

C. **Share** the Good News

1. Testimony, Scripture, Gospel, Love & good works
2. Healing, helping, casting our demons

D. **Help** Groups Form

1. What is a discovery Bible Study vs. a Discipleship Group
2. DG is about Sharpening (Prov 27:17), equipping, spurring one another on to go and live out your faith
3. Discovery Group is about Discovering Jesus, Discovering the basics of discipleship and MULTIPLYING
4. If you're a believer, it would be awesome if every one of you were in a DG and starting a DBS
5. If you're new or don't know if you're a believer, it would be ideal for you to be in a DBS or start a DBS and have us come alongside you
 - a) DBS are to level the playing field
 - b) Basic questions
 - c) No background info necessary
 - d) Teaching you to hear... teaching you to obey... teaching you to share (e.g. start new groups)
 - e) Invite all your friends, like Levi, Zacchaeus, etc

V. What we hope to see in 2026

A. Fill out the form → come up with a plan

1. Map out your field
2. Pray over it; Intercede
3. Start sharing Jesus' love and truth
4. Help start new groups

B. You can text me, email me, or reach out to me anytime for advice.

1. I will answer or pass it to someone else who can help

C. Pray for groups... pray for your social circles... imagine what God will do