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Written for Sunday, January 25, 2015

3rd Sunday in Epiphany

Lectionary Year B

Scripture: [Mark 1:14-20](#) [**Summary:** *The Good News changes fishermen into disciples*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK / Demonstration (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- Have you ever gone fishing or watched someone who is fishing?
- Yeah? Good! Can you tell me what tools you usually use when you go fishing? (basics: fishing line, reel, pole, lure, hooks and bobber, a net, maybe a boat)
- What do you think, do you think you could show me what it looks like to cast a lure?
- Can you show me what it looks like if you hook a fish and start to reel it in?
- Very good!
- But here's a funny question: Can you imagine all of that casting and reeling in happening underwater?
- Don't you think it'd be a lot harder to cast the lure if you were underwater? Wouldn't that make things harder? Maybe impossible?

TELL (a.k.a [The Freeway](#))

- So in today's scripture story, you may have heard that there were fishermen that Jesus is talking to.
- Jesus tells them that if they follow him, that he will teach them how to fish for people.
- What he means by this is that he will teach them how to share the Good News with other people.
- But, before the soon-to-be disciples share the good news with others, they have to first learn how to *live* the good news.

- Just like you can't fish very well if you are fishing from under the water, you also can't share the good news very well if you are not *living* the good news.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- The good news that Jesus shares with others is this: How to pay attention to God in the here and now.
- And as the disciples learn from Jesus how to pay attention to God, they are changed.
- In today's story, we see how they change jobs, how they go from being fishermen to being followers of Jesus.
- Then, as they start to live in the ways that Jesus is teaching them, as they learn to pay attention to God, then they are changed from disciples to apostles.
- As apostles, they are sent out to share the good news with others just like Jesus did.
- The good news for us today is that we too can learn from Jesus how to pay attention to God in the here and now
- And as we learn to live this good news, we will also learn how to share the good news with others, just like Jesus did.
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you...

Thank you...

...for your Good News.

...for your Good News.

Please help us...

Please help us...

...to learn and live your Good News...

...to learn and live your Good News...

...so that...

...so that...

...we can share it with others.

...we can share it with others.

Amen