

Fishing for Men # 4

Pray: Ask God to show you how you can apply this lesson in everyday life

Read: John 1:35-51

Homework: Fill out the Testimony #1 Contact List before the next Bible Study.

Every person who comes to faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord immediately desires to bring others to Him. The task of faith-sharing is not nearly as simple as one might think. There are skills to be learned, procedures to be followed, and dangers to be avoided. Today we learn not only the value of evangelizing through our existing networks (family and friends etc.) but learn how far the word we share will travel when share it

1. Why did two of John's disciples begin following Jesus? (Vv.35-37)
2. What indicates that these two men did not become believers without more information about Jesus? (Vv.38-39)
3. What did Andrew do following his conversion?

Most of us have never heard of Edward Kimball, a Sunday school teacher who won a young man to the Lord. This young man was a Boston shoe salesman. Edward got that shoe salesman so on fire for the Lord that he became the well-known evangelist Dwight L. Moody.

After evangelizing America, D. L. Moody travelled to England. There in England, Frederick B. Meyer heard his message and became a gifted pastor, author, Bible teacher and evangelist.

F. B. Meyer was invited to America to preach all over New England and the mid-Atlantic coast, until his meetings were bulging at the seams. J. Wilbur Chapman heard Meyer speak, and was so moved by his preaching that he began to stir up the whole north-eastern coast with his own preaching. As J. Wilbur Chapman's preaching became more and more in-spired, he was invited to speak often. His ministry was growing and he needed someone to help him.

Chapman met Billy Sunday, a recent convert, and mentored him - and Billy helped in his ministry. Billy Sunday, influenced by J. Wilbur Chapman, got into the ministry himself and went to Charlotte, North Carolina. There a group of business men got so inspired and so stirred up by his preaching that they organized a committee to invite other evangelists to come preach. One evangelist they invited was Mordecai Ham from Louisville, Kentucky. He preached in a meeting, and Billy Graham came to salvation.

Billy Graham's ministry is known throughout the world. His preaching and crusades have influenced hundreds of thousands if not millions. All this happened because of one Edward Kimball. What an example he is for us. We can never know how far the word we share will travel, or whose life it will impact.

4. Jesus came into personal contact with Philip (v.43) and persuaded him to be His disciple. What did Philip do after he became a believer (v.44)?

5. From John 1:35-51 we see the steps that are normally required to bring someone to Christ. They are ...

- **A Witness (Vv.35, 41, 45)**
- **A Testimony (Vv.36, 41, 45)**
- **An observation and Inquiry (Vv.39, 46)**
- **A Challenge (Vv.42, 43, 51, 46) (Discuss these 4 points)**

Pray together; ask God to help you take all the opportunities to share the Gospel He gives you.