

Catch, Clean, & Cook
Sermon Outline
October 1, 2017

Text – Matthew 4: 17-20

Reading Schedule:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/ 1</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 1; Matthew 4: 17-22; 22: 37-39; 28: 18-20</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/ 2</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 2; II Chronicles 2: 1-18</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10/ 3</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 3; Luke 14: 15-24</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10/ 4</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 4; Luke 9: 1-6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/ 5</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 5; Matthew 8: 1-4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10/ 6</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 6; I Corinthians 12: 25-27</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10/ 7</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 7; Matthew 20: 26-28</i>

Matthew 4: 17-22 – ¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven^(U) has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee,^(W) he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter^(X) and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,”^(Y) Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.^(Z)

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John.^(AA) They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Thesis: God has given Quinn Chapel an invigorating challenge to add 100 new disciples to the Body of Christ at Quinn Chapel

between now and July 31, 2018. I'm excited about us participating in the redemptive work of God over these next 10 months.

Christ gives us a context for the redemptive work of God in this world as he calls us to come, follow Him, and that He will make us fishers of people. The act of fishing includes a process that ends in the benefit and nourishment of others. For the benefits of fishing to be realized, one must catch, clean, and cook the harvest that God makes available to us.

- I. Matthew 4: 17-22 – Jesus gives us the description of true discipleship
 - A. “Come, follow me” – a disciple is one who has chosen to follow Jesus in his/her daily living. A disciple is a committed and prepared follower of Jesus Christ!
 - B. “I will make you fishers of people” – Jesus characterizes the evangelistic work of spreading the gospel as being like that of fishing for people.
 - C. The five-fold purpose of the Church of Jesus Christ can be presented in the format of the experience of fishing.
 - D. Catch –
 1. Matthew 28: 19a – go make disciples, (MISSION)
 2. Matthew 22: 39b – by loving your neighbor (MINISTRY)
 - E. Clean
 1. Matthew 28: 19b Baptize them into the body of Christ (MEMBERSHIP)
 - F. Cook
 1. Matthew 22: 37 – Teach them to love God through worship (MAGNIFY)
 2. Matthew 28: 20a – Teach them to love God through obedience (MATURITY)

- II. Catch – Go make disciples by loving your neighbor
- A. Luke 14: 12-24 – GO TO WHERE THE FISH ARE BITING!
- B. ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.
1. Don’t fish at the fish market. Those fish are already caught.
 2. When it comes to church invitations, invite folk who can’t invite you back!
 - a) When we hold evangelistic outreach events, fill the house of God with people who are do not have a church home!
 - (1) They may have a home church but not a church home.
 - (2) Home church is where they once attended or where they grew up or where their family worshiped.
 - (3) Church home is not a place but people with whom we worship regularly as we grow together serving Jesus Christ.
 - b) Holy Spirit wants to direct you to people He has targeted for salvation or for a renewed relationship with God the Father.
- C. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,⁽¹⁾ ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”⁽¹⁾
1. We must go to where the fish are biting.
 2. Jesus sent his disciples out to where the fish were biting.
 - a) Go to the poor – poor in spirit who may be dejected or even depressed

- b) Go to the cripple – those who are at a disadvantage at running life’s race
- c) Go to the blind – those whose circumstances have blocked them from seeing God ,
- d) Go to those in need
- e) Jesus said, “If you seek out these, my brothers and sisters, I’ll send you the rest of those who need to know my love and salvation.

D. Luke 9: 1-2 – Bait to use

1. *When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,^(D) ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God^(E) and to heal the sick.*
2. One must have the right bait and the right presentation – explain.
3. Meet the needs and heal the hurts of others –
MINISTRY
4. We have power- capacity; & authority – legitimate right to fish
 - a) We are anointed to do greater things than Jesus (v. 12a)
 - b) ANOINTING – the conveying of the authority and power of God the Father, through God the Son, by God the Holy Spirit to do the work of God to glorify God.
 - c) When we call on Jesus’ name, we release His anointing (authority and power) to do greater works than His.
 - d) So when you call upon the name of Jesus, you are releasing His anointing.

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- III. Clean – Baptize them in to the body
 - A. Matthew 28: 19b – *baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
 - B. Fish come out of water wet, slimy, smelly, and dirty.
 - 1. To enjoy fish one must clean fish
 - 2. Matthew 8: 1-4 - To clean fish, fish must be handled.
 - a) Jesus touched the leper
 - b) We must connect with people in their real lives
 - c) To touch is to join together 2 or more who are now one – there must be a connection.
 - C. I Corinthians 12: 25-27 – We are the body of Christ and every member of the body is important
 - 1. There should be no division the body (v. 25a)
 - 2. It's parts should have equal concern for each other (v. 25b)
 - 3. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it (v. 26a)
 - 4. If one part is honored, every part rejoices with it (v. 26b)
- IV. Cook – Teach them to love God through obedience and authentic worship
 - A. Matthew 28: 20a – *and teaching^(D) them to obey everything I have commanded you.*
 - B. Matthew 20: 26-28 - We never cook fish of the purpose of satisfying the fish; it is always done for the benefit of others.
 - C. Preparation is done for consumption by others
 - 1. To be made food for others
 - 2. Made food by our efforts to prepare them
 - D. Matthew 22: 37 - When fish is cooking it gives off a welcoming enticing aroma
 - 1. The aroma of authentic praise and worship and intimate relationship with God is satisfying to God

2. The aroma of authentic praise and worship and intimate relationship is attractive to hungry people in the world and it draws them inside.
3. It's not about me!
4. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
5. We must serve others!
6. It's not about me!

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Five-fold Mission of the Church

- I. **MAGNIFY** – We express our love for God through praise and by obeying His Commands.
- II. **MISSION** – We seize every opportunity to demonstrate Christ by witnessing to others by word and deed.
- III. **MEMBERSHIP** – We encourage all to belong to God's eternal family through fellowship with Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- IV. **MATURITY** – We study to grow more Christ-like in our thoughts words and deeds.
- V. **MINISTRY** – We demonstrate God's love by meeting the needs and healing the hurts of others.