

Catch, Clean, & Cook Pt. 2  
Sermon Outline  
October 8, 2017

Text – Matthew 4: 17-20

Reading Schedule:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/8</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 1; Matthew 4: 17-22; 22: 37-39; 28: 18-20</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/9</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 2; II Chronicles 2: 1-18</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10/10</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 3; Luke 14: 15-24</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10/11</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 4; Luke 9: 1-6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/12</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 5; Matthew 8: 1-4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10/13</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 6; I Corinthians 12: 25-27</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10/14</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 7; Matthew 20: 26-28</i>

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

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

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John.<sup>(AA)</sup> They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> 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)

**CATCH – GO MAKE DISCIPLES BY LOVING YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**

**Philippians 3: 12-14** – <sup>12</sup> *Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.* <sup>13</sup> *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,* <sup>14</sup> *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

1. POTENTIAL –

- a. having or showing the capacity to become or develop into something in the future.
  - i. We will look forward into God’s future for us, Quinn Chapel
  - ii. We will look to who God created us to “BE” as the Body of Christ
- b. latent qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or usefulness.
  - i. We will recognize that everything we need to fulfill God’s promise for Quinn Chapel is already in the congregation
  - ii. Our desire is usefulness in God’s kingdom

- c. Everybody has the potential to catch fish, but not everyone fishing catches fish.
  - d. There are some things Quinn must do to be effective at fishing for people.
    - i. We will not focus on the number;
    - ii. we will focus on becoming better at fishing for people for the Body of Christ.
2. It's been said that our potential is God's gift to us, and what we do with it is our gift to Him.
- a. But our potential is probably our greatest untapped resource.
  - b. Why? We can do anything, but we can't do everything.
    - i. Many people never really dedicate themselves to their purpose in life.
    - ii. They become a jack of all trades, master of none—rather than a jack of few trades, focused on one.

**WE ARE DEVELOPING TOOLS NOT RULES! WE WANT TO THRIVE IN ABUNDANT LIFE!**

Rules oppress. Tools lift!

Rules constrain. Tools expand!

**HERE ARE FOUR PRINCIPLES TO PUT US ON THE ROAD TO GROWING TOWARD OUR POTENTIAL FOR CATCHING FISH:**

- a. **Philippians 3: 12b** – *take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

Concentrate on one main goal. Nobody ever reached their potential by scattering themselves in twenty directions.

**Catching fish requires focus.**

- a. A scattered fisherman catches no fish!
- b. Get focused and use what we do already!
- c. What are we already doing that can be used to engage and enlist others?

- i. Voices of Quinn for persons interested in music.
    - ii. Women of Quinn for persons interested in outreach ministry and spiritual formation.
    - iii. Orientation for persons who need more information about Quinn Chapel.
    - iv. Ushers, Trustees, Greeters, worshipers can all identify and take actions to attract uncaught fish!
  - d. We will use our monthly calendar to populate our existing activities with uncaught fish!
  - e. The goal is to attract uncaught fish!
- b. **Philippians 3: 13a** – *I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.*

Concentrate on continual improvement. Commitment to continual improvement is the key to reaching our potential.

**Become a little bit better than we were yesterday.**

- a. A fisherman must commit himself to getting better in order to catch more fish!
  - i. Use the official board to discuss every activity with a focus on how we're using them to attract people.
  - ii. Each month we will review how we've done by ministry at attracting people and discuss how we will use the next month's activities to attract more people.
- b. Fill in the ministry gaps we have in this church!!!!
  - i. Youth Ministry
  - ii. Young Adult Ministry
  - iii. Family and Marriage Ministry
  - iv. Ministry to Senior Citizens
- c. Put people in the assignment God has for them.
  - i. We've often assigned persons where we needed a body!
  - ii. The slate is clean! No one has an assignment as of today!

- iii. Remember, God is in control. When you step out of a position God is positioning you for what God has for you and opening a slot for what God has for another! TRUST GOD!
- iv. Where is God calling you to serve?

c. **Philippians 3: 13b** – *Forgetting what is behind*

**Forget the past.**

- a. We will get another day to fish. Make the most of it!
  - b. Jack Hayford, pastor of Church on the Way in Van Nuys, California, said, “We can’t gain any momentum moving toward tomorrow if we are dragging the past behind us.”
  - c. **Isaiah 43: 19** – *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*
    - i. God is calling us to something new – that includes you!
    - ii. It’s a new day!
  - d. Apply this to your personal life.
    - i. Maybe you’ve made a lot of mistakes in your life, or you’ve had an especially difficult past.
    - ii. Work your way through it and move on.
- d. **Philippians 3: 14** – *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

**Focus on the future.**

- a. As the Spanish proverb says, “He who does not look ahead remains behind.”
- b. The allusion is to the white line, or mark, which the runners in the Olympic games ran up to
  - i. The one that arrived first received the prize.
  - ii. The apostle means the Lord Jesus Christ, who is (skopov),” the scope”, or “mark”, of all the thoughts, purposes, and counsels of God.
- c. Jesus is the GOAL, MARK, SCOPE of who we are and all we do.
- d. Keep moving toward Jesus

## **INVITATION TO THE ASSIGNMENT GOD HAS FOR YOU!**

Kneel and ask Holy Spirit to give you direction and courage.

Fill in the form and give to the Stewards present.

- i. Fill in the ministry gaps we have in this church! CHECK ONE!
  - i. Youth Ministry
  - ii. Young Adult Ministry
  - iii. Family and Marriage Ministry
  - iv. Ministry to Senior Citizens
- ii. God has a different assignment for me to fulfill in Quinn Chapel

My former assignment \_\_\_\_\_

God's assignment for me \_\_\_\_\_

### **Five-fold Mission of the Church**

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