

Lessons for Spiritual Fishermen

Matthew 17:22-27

I. Your SAVIOR has an AGENDA - 17:22-23

II. Your SAVIOR has an ASK - 17:24-27a

And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men; and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day.”

And they were deeply grieved. - 17:22-23

III. Your SAVIOR has AUTHORITY - 17:27b

However, so that we do not offend them,
go to the sea and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that
comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel.
Take that and give it to them for you and Me.” - 17:27

Life Group Study Questions

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1. Do you have an activity (like fishing) that consumes you and you think about all the time? What is it, and how does it affect your productivity?

2. Salvation is Jesus' setting. What does HIS focus on this one thing tell you about its value and worth? How focused are you on salvation?

3. To be focused on salvation involves a willingness to suffer and pay a price. Is this the reason you don't focus on it more?

4. The disciples were extremely saddened by the reality of Christ's death. What caused them so much distress? Does your relationship with Christ include sorrow over the price He paid? How does your sorrow, or lack of it, reveal the depth of your relationship with Him?

5. Jesus is willing to pay the temple tax, even though it's His temple. What motivates this willingness?

6. As children of the King, we are exempt and citizens of His kingdom. Why should we still be willing to pay what we are exempt from?

7. Jesus makes it clear that we should not put any unneeded obstacle between another person and the Gospel of Salvation. While God is not telling us to violate His law, He is saying that we can chose to pay, participate, and lay down our rights so that others can hear the truth. How was the Apostle Paul and example of this? (I Cor. 9)

8. The miracle of the coin in the mouth of the fish is never shown first hand in Scripture. Why do you think Matthew skips this?

9. As a fishermen/fisherwoman, are you willing to pay and sacrifice so that others might hear the Gospel? Pray for a willingness to pay the cost.