

Gone Fishin'

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Basic truths:

1. Being a _____ does not disqualify you from following Jesus.
2. Being an _____ does not disqualify you from following Jesus.
3. Religion says, "Change and you can join us." Jesus says, "Follow me, and you will change."

"Am I Following Jesus?"

¹⁸ "As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed Him." - **Matthew 4:18-20**

²¹ "Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. 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." - **Matthew 4: 21-22**

Luke 5

¹ "One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God."

² "He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets."

³ "He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat."

⁴ "When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

^{5a} "Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything."

^{5b} *“But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”*



St. Peter's Basilica

^{6a} *“When they had done so...”*

⁶ *“When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”*

⁹ *“For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ^{10a} and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.”*

^{10b} *“Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed Him.”*

How to Follow Jesus:

1. _____ and _____.
2. Loan Him your _____.
3. Take Him _____.