

## Making Friends for God:

### Lesson #3 — Seeing People Through Jesus' Eyes

#### Memory Verse

**Matthew 4:19** (NKJV) *Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

#### \*(Fishing for men sermon notes)

**I am just "Drowning worms". "Are you going to fish or talk?"**

#### The Second Touch

**Mark 8:22–25** (NKJV) *Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.*

People are often saved in degrees. It's usually not one Bible study. Sometimes after the first Bible study they "see men as trees walking".

**2 Kings 4:32–35** (NKJV) *When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. <sup>33</sup> He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. <sup>34</sup> And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. <sup>35</sup> He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.*

There are approximately 25 distinct healing miracles in the New Testament performed by Jesus. In more than half, a relative or friend brings the individual to Jesus for healing. Many people will never come to Jesus unless someone who has faith brings them.

**Mark 9:17** (NKJV) *Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.*

**Mark 2:3** (NKJV) *Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. [Sometimes Jesus made house calls.](#)*

**Mark 10:13–16** (NKJV) *Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "*Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.*"*

#### A Lesson in Acceptance

**The Samaritan woman** According to 2 Kings 17 the Samaritans were descendants of Mesopotamian peoples who were forcibly settled in the lands of northern Israel by the king of Assyria in the wake of the exile of BC 722 **2 Kings 17:28–29** (NKJV) *Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord. <sup>29</sup> However every nation continued to make gods of its own, and put them in the shrines on the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities where they dwelt. They co-mingled the worship of Yahweh with idolatrous practices of the Assyrians." Jesus treated people with respect.*

**John 4:6–10** (NKJV) *Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "*Give Me a drink.*" <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "*If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.*"*

#### Begin Where You Are

**Acts 1:8** (NKJV) *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

**Mark 5:19** (NKJV) *However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "*Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.*"*

**Luke 8:39** (NKJV) *"Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.*

**John 4:28–30** (NKJV) *The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> "*Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?*" <sup>30</sup> Then they went out of the city and came to Him.*

[Have you brought anybody to the Lord in your family or neighborhood?](#)

**John 1:40–42** (NKJV) *One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.*

**John 6:8–9** (NKJV) *One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,* <sup>9</sup> *"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"*

**John 12:20-22** *Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. Philip had doubts about how to deal with these Gentiles.*

### Dealing with Difficult People

"None have fallen so low, none are so vile, but that they can find deliverance in Christ."— *The Desire of Ages*, p. 258.

**2 John 10–11** (NKJV) *If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;* <sup>11</sup> *for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.*

**Luke 9:5** (NKJV) *And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."*

**2 Timothy 2:23** (NKJV) *But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.*

**Philippians 2:14–15** (NKJV) *Do all things without complaining and disputing,* <sup>15</sup> *that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

**Matthew 4:18–20** (NKJV) *And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.* <sup>19</sup> *Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."* <sup>20</sup> *They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*

**Luke 5:8** (NKJV) *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

### Sensing Providential Opportunities

**2 Corinthians 2:12–13** (NKJV) *Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord,* <sup>13</sup> *I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.*

**Acts 8:26–27** (NKJV) *Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down*

*from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.* <sup>27</sup> *So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,*

**Acts 17:16–23** (NKJV) *Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.* <sup>17</sup> *Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.* <sup>18</sup> *Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.* <sup>19</sup> *And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?"* <sup>20</sup> *For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."* <sup>21</sup> *For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.* <sup>22</sup> *Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;* <sup>23</sup> *for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:*

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### Fishing for men notes

**Most Expensive Fish** - Jan 5, 2013, the owner of a Tokyo-based sushi restaurant chain paid 155.4 million yen, or about \$3.1 million, for a 612-pound Bluefin, or about \$5,000 per pound.

### Fishing is Addicting

**John 21:3-11** The gospels begin and end with fishing stories.

Drowning worms. "Are you going to fish or talk?" (Holding dynamite?)

"Depends on the weather".

When a fisherman doesn't catch any fish he does not quit just finds a new spot. Every Christian should be a fish-a-holic.

**Matt 10:23** *When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another.*