



“From Membership to Partnership”

Luke 5:1-3 | 01.16.22

Sermon Recap

- This week, Pastor Jonathan offers four examples of Jesus’ missional strategy found in the Gospels. In each example, Jesus builds a bridge by meeting people on their own terms, and he meets them on their own turf. By doing so, Jesus demonstrates that each person is able to add value to the kingdom. The examples include Jesus stepping into the boat of the Galilean fishermen (Luke 5), Jesus using the little boy’s lunch to feed the multitude (John 6), Jesus asking the woman at the well for a drink (John 4), and Jesus telling Zacchaeus “I’m going to your house today” (Luke 19).
- According to author Brian McClaren, evangelism (i.e., sharing our faith) is like a slow dance. Sometimes we lead and sometimes we follow. There are certainly times that Jesus leads, but there are also several times, like in the examples found in this week’s message, that he is willing to follow. By doing so, Jesus is implicitly saying, “This is not just about you joining me, this is about me joining you.”
- This sermon series is about how the Church is experiencing a paradigm shift. For the last century or so, the Church in North America has primarily connected to local communities by leading (i.e., asking people to join them). However, Jesus’ example teaches us to join people on their terms and on their turf. How can we step off of the shores of Galilee into someone else’s fishing boat?



Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Can you think of a time in your life when someone made you feel like you had something valuable to offer? If so, please share.
2. As you reflect on this week's message, which of the four examples stick out to you the most? In your own words, why do you think Jesus had success using this approach when connecting with people for the first time?
3. When you think about practical application for our church, what would it look like for us to step into someone else's boat? How can we meet people where they are and help them see that they have gifts for the kingdom?
4. As you think and pray about "finding your one," how can you follow Jesus' example for connecting with people?
5. How have you witnessed God's grace recently?
6. How can we pray for you?

Reference Tools

McClaren, Brian. *A New Kind of Christian*. 2019. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.