



Community

Christ-centered
Authentic Transformative

The fisherman's tool was a net. It was what he used to catch fish. As fishers of men, our tools are varied – maybe it's a van that transports people to church, an outreach event that introduces people to our church, a food pantry, a bottle of water or a new pair of shoes. Anything that we use to communicate the love of Christ is our 'net'.

In Luke 5:1-10 we find four principles of how the net works:

- ◆ Preparation [Luke 5:2]
 - › Just as the disciples were preparing their nets for the next day's work, we have to prepare ourselves to be fishers of men.
- ◆ Placement [Luke 5:4]
 - › Jesus instructed Simon to move away from shore, into the deep water, and let down the nets. If we want to reach people for Christ, we will need to move away from the safety of the church building and into the community.
- ◆ Perseverance [Luke 5:5]
 - › The fishermen were tired and ready to quit. They had worked all night and caught

nothing. As fishers of men, there will be times when we want to quit – but don't give up!

- ◆ Prize [Luke 5:6-9]
 - › As fishers of men, our prize are the men, women, teens and children that come to know Christ as their Savior
- ◆ What can you do?
 - › Pray – for wisdom and guidance on placing the 'net'
 - › Partner – with your church and other 'fishermen'
 - › Practice – use whatever 'net' God has given you to share the love of Christ

This week 2 Samuel 9, 11, 12:1-25; Psalms 51, 86, 103

Last week 1 Sam. 31; 2 Sam. 5, 6, 8; Psalms 19, 23, 60 & 96





Wednesday 8 am - 8 pm: Corporate Fast

Wednesday @ 7 pm: Adults and teens are invited to a Worship & Prayer Night in the sanctuary. Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers will have their club meetings; there are no Engage groups. Individuals and families are encouraged to break the fast together after service.

New Engage session starts May 6!
Sign up for the group of your choice in the lobby.



Notes

Randy & Kathy Cartwright, Rural Compassion:

"We're doing this because we want to encourage, strengthen, enable, equip and give hope to those who are giving their lives in service of the Word. We want to let those pastors know that someone cares. It's a hard calling, with at least 1700 pastors leaving the ministry each month. And those serving in rural communities often feel forgotten. We want to tell them, 'We know you're there. We see the value in you and in what you're doing.'"

