

“Immediately:” The Gospel of Mark’s Concise Guide to Following Jesus
“Fish Like Jesus”

Mark 1:35–2:12

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In the days after Jesus calls four men to follow him, he begins to make them “fishers of men” who will bring others into the Kingdom of God. The net represents the gospel (the good news) of God’s gracious forgiveness through Jesus. Our ability to cast that net by articulating and defending that good news grows with experience. Jesus shows them four practices to be an effective fisher:

1. _____: Mend your net in undistracted conversations
_____ (1:35–37).

2. _____: Take your net to the fish by cultivating a gospel
_____ (1:38–39).

3. _____: Cast your net by meeting the felt needs of the
_____ (1:40–45).

4. _____: Draw the net by addressing the real needs of the
_____ (2:1–12).