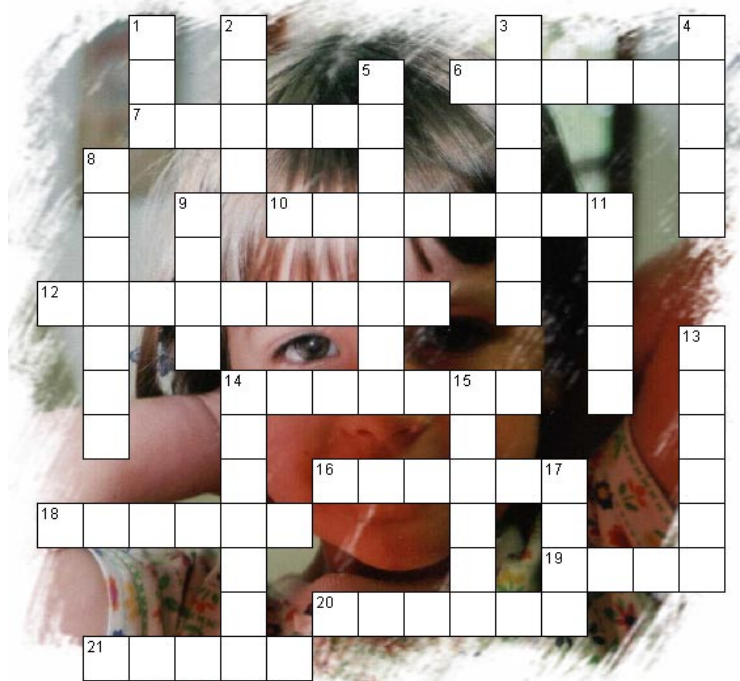


Crossword Puzzle

God's Calling in the New Testament

- Lesson Two -

In the Gospels – Andrew and Peter

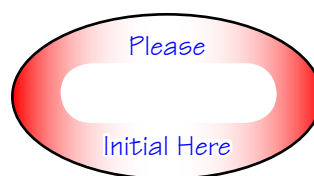


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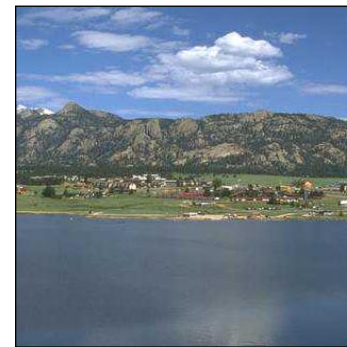
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| 6. Peter fished all night and _____ nothing. | 1. ...catchers of _____. |
| 7. ...enclosed a great _____ of fish. | 2. Behold the _____ of God! |
| 10. ...you will be _____ men alive. | 3. John the _____. |
| 12. Andrew and Peter were the Lord's first two _____. | 4. The meaning of Peter is "a _____." |
| 14. We have found the _____. | 5. Andrew and Peter were _____. |
| 16. The _____ River. | 8. Andrew and Peter were from _____. |
| 18. Jesus renamed Simon this. | 9. Peter became as solid as a _____. |
| 19. ...the nets began to _____. | 11. ...a _____ number of fish. |
| 20. Jesus spoke to the _____ from Peter's boat. | 13. ...leave John to follow the _____. |
| 21. Cephas is also interpreted as _____. | 14. Through this great _____ Peter was attracted and followed. |
| | 15. _____ and Peter were brothers. |
| | 17. ...the _____ began to tear. |

Parent's Initials:



I. Overview.

In this lesson we will see the Lord beginning to call His disciples – those who would follow Him. The first two disciples that the Lord called were Andrew and Peter his brother. He first met them at the Jordan River where John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing. Later He went to Galilee, where they lived and worked, to call them. Andrew and Peter were fishermen, which was a lowly job. But the Lord wanted to call them to be in the highest job in the universe: to be “catchers of men” for God’s purpose and salvation.



Peter and Andrew were fishermen on the sea of Galilee.

Andrew and Peter had heard from John the Baptist about the coming One who would be the Savior of Israel. They heard him say “Behold, the Lamb of God!” when Jesus approached. Now they were being called by the Savior Himself. Later, the Lord Jesus would make Peter and Andrew the first two of His twelve apostles.

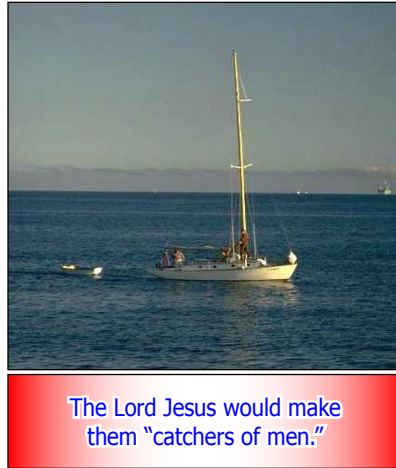
II. Memory Verse.

“And He said to them, Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And immediately, leaving their nets, they followed Him.”

(Matt. 4:19-20)

III. Lesson.

Two young brothers named Andrew and Peter had walked a long way from their home in Galilee to hear a servant of God speak. That servant was John the Baptist. Because they had come from godly parents, they were drawn to John. Andrew even became a disciple of John.



Introduced to Jesus

While Andrew was with John, Jesus approached. John cried out "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The Savior that John had been preaching about had finally come. Two of John's disciples, Andrew and John, realized that the time had come for them to leave John and follow the Savior. Andrew and John stayed with Jesus that day. Andrew quickly found his brother, Simon, and led him to Jesus, telling him "We have found the Messiah."

When Simon came to Jesus, he was surprised that the Lord already knew not only his name, but also his father's name. Simon did not yet know that Jesus knew him before the world began. Jesus said to Simon, "You are Simon, the son of John, you shall be called Cephas" (also interpreted as Peter). The meaning of Peter's new name was "a stone." Peter would eventually be transformed to be as solid as a rock.

Called to be Catchers of Men

Even though Andrew and Peter met Jesus by the Jordan River, they did not yet become followers. Later Jesus went to where they lived, to Galilee, to see them again. This time

Jesus would call them to become His disciples. Jesus came to Peter's hometown and spoke to crowds from Peter's boat. After His speaking He asked Peter to put his boat out further and drop down the fishing nets. Peter said that he had fished all night and caught nothing, but at the Lord's word, he obeyed. When he let down the nets, they enclosed a great number of fish. There were so many fish that the nets began to tear. When others helped him to pull the fish into the boats, the boats began to sink because of the fish. Peter was amazed and fell at the Lord's feet saying "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." But Jesus said to him "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men alive." Through this great miracle, Peter was attracted, and followed the Lord.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Who were the first two disciples of Jesus?

2. Who was it that introduced Peter and Andrew to the Lord Jesus?

3. What was Peter's name before the Lord changed it?"

4. What kind of jobs did Peter and Andrew have?

