

Series: Be One. Make One.
Passage: Matthew 4:18-22
Sunday: January 15, 2025

****We are entering into a new year with a new theme: Be One. Make One. Another way to say it: Be a disciple and make a disciple. We will seek to focus on this theme in various ways throughout the year. To start with, we have a sermon series to introduce this theme. The Be One. Make One. sermon series will focus on Jesus' teachings and examples of discipleship.**

Matthew 4:18-22 (ESV)

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

1. What is the greatest fishing story you have ever heard or told? What made it so great?
2. Who were the first four disciples that Jesus called? What do you know about them?
3. Verse 19 is our theme verse for 2025. What correlation does Jesus make between being a fisherman and being a fisher of men? What is Jesus really telling them?

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4. What is the significance of the fishermen IMMEDIATELY dropping their nets to follow Jesus?

5. What are some areas in your life that you need to drop what you are doing to follow the call of Jesus?

6. The profession of fisherman was about as ordinary as it gets. Why do you think Jesus chose ordinary fishermen to be His disciples? What does this show us as ordinary humans?

7. What does this passage teach you about our theme of the year “Be One. Make One.”?