

## GO FISH - #3

### Lake Fishing

**Introduction:** Today we move from pond fishing, a relatively simple backyard approach of reaching family and friends, to extending our reach to what we will call lake fishing. If our community is to be reached, some of us will have to get in a boat and launch out! We hope that today's message will help equip you to do so.

- (1) It takes a team to fish on the lake.

**John 4:1-2 NIV** <sup>1</sup> Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—  
<sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.

- (2) It takes someone willing to stretch beyond their comfort zone to fish on the lake.

**John 4:3-9 NIV** <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

- (3) It takes an intentional effort to fish on the lake.

**John 4:10-14 NIV** <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

- (4) It takes a patient and persistent person to fish on the lake.

**John 4:15-17 NIV** <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” <sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.

**John 4:25-26 NIV** <sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

- (5) Fishing on the lake can be quite rewarding.

**John 4:28-30 NIV** <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

**John 4:39-41 NIV** <sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers.

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