**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**August 4th, 2019**

**Matthew 4:18-22**

**RECAP:** Last week we looked at Christ’s ministry. He goes where Isaiah says He’ll go, He goes He is the Light in the darkness, and He goes to preach repentance and faith in the Kingdom.

**THESIS**: This passage highlights for us the seriousness, and sacrifice, of discipleship, and especially it’s evangelistic nature. **Matt. 10:24; Matt. 8:19-22.**

**EXEGESIS: Matt. 4:18-22**

* **v. 18;** We see the setting, which is elaborated by Luke in **Luke 5:1-11.**
	+ We realize based on Luke that there’s more to this story. We realize that Christ did reveal Himself as supernatural way to these men before followed Him.
* **v. 19;** This is the critical line of the passage. This is the purpose, and the mission that Christ calls these men to.
	+ We see the sovereignty of God at work in this. These were not men wanting to become fishers of men when they woke up that morning. But they are confronted with Jesus Christ, and they immediately follow.
	+ As we go through Matthew, we need to highlight these disciple passages. ***The first one is here; disciples of Christ are a people that are, at their core, fishers of men.***
	+ Disciples of Christ are people driven to fish for souls and evangelize. It is a primary concern of God, and it should be ours. **John 3:16, Romans 9:1-5, 1st Cor. 9-10**, **Luke 19:10.**
* **v. 20;**  It’s made immediately clear they are to be fishers of men, so save souls and to follow after Christ, and what do they do? Do they ask questions? Do they get clarification?
* **v. 21-22; *Here is an example of discipleship,*** where men are tending to the family business right next to their father, repairing the nets, and abandon all of it in an instant, when they realize Christ is calling them.
	+ Christ is serious. He is more important than family, than money, than business and provision of livelihood, than even your own father sitting next to you mending nets for your business! **Matt. 19:29.**

**CONCLUSION:**

* This passage serves two purposes:
	1. It makes clear to us the seriousness of the calling of Christ. He called us. He commands our obedience and our discipleship.
	2. It makes clear one of the most primary purposes of the disciple of Christ: saving souls. Fishing for men. Spreading the Gospel of repentance and faith and salvation in Christ as far as possible, and to all who need it.