

Daily Devotion For June 27, 2022

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19

Saturday night I had dinner on Fishermen's Wharf with 15 people from my former church, the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church. It was great to see and catch up with them. Earlier this week, I met friends from the Union Church of Los Angeles and again enjoyed a wonderful meal on Fishermen's Wharf.

Whenever friends come to visit I enjoy taking them to Fishermen's Wharf. It is one of the iconic tourist sites that sees visitors from all over the world come to visit. We are so fortunate that we live on the central coast and have Fishermen's Wharf in our "backyard" where we can eat and enjoy so many kinds of fresh fish.

As I walked up and down the wharf I could see many shops and restaurants have pictures or models of a fish. Now, have you ever wondered why some Christians have a "fish" sticker on their car or wear a pin with a fish on it? The early Christians had an expression in Greek: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." In the days of persecution they abbreviated these words, using only the first letter of each word. These letters spell "ichthys," a Greek word for "fish."

God has made us His fishermen, and "the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish" (Matthew 13:47). How privileged we are to be selected as His fishermen!

Few of us consider fishing a tiresome chore. We eagerly await and enjoy every opportunity to use our rod and reel. As fishermen for Christ, we should seek out every opportunity to tell others that Jesus Christ is our only Savior from sin.

Thought For Today: Let us react as the disciples did when Jesus told them He would make them fishers of men: "At once they left their nets and followed Him" (Matthew 4:20). We too follow Jesus when we share with others the message of God's love and forgiveness in Christ.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that God would make you and the El Estero Church family "fisher's of men." Deo Volente.