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- What do you think made Simon trust Jesus' word enough to let down the nets again after a night without a catch?
- When you hear the phrase, "fishers of men," what comes to your mind? Did learning it was a common Jewish idiom for rabbis shift your perspective on Jesus' use of it?
- What do you think of the idea that being "fishers of people" requires us to be willing to "be the bait"? Does "being the bait" sound appealing or unappealing to you, and why?
- In what ways have you lived out being "Jesus bait" in the last week? Or, how do you think Jesus is calling you to be "Jesus bait" in the coming week?

PRAY

Lord, help us to be the bait as we fish for the people you desire to catch. Give us the peace and courage to trust You and surrender to Your will as you "cast us out" into the places in the world that you are calling us to be your bait this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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