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Vision

We exist to develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who make a real difference in the world by actively seeking the love justice, freedom, liberation and peace of God.

In this season of the WSBC Remix, it is our responsibility not to replicate what others have done in the past but we honor those leaders by being faithful and committed to what God is calling us to do in this present age.

Change our Priorities

Luke 5 (Contemporary English Version)

1 Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, teaching the people as they crowded around him to hear God's message. **2** Near the shore he saw two boats left there by some fishermen who had gone to wash their nets.

What is your empty boat?

What discarded, long-forgotten, dormant, or ignored divine assignment have you left floating empty on the fringes of your life?

Jesus notices and prioritizes the use of the empty vessel rather than the empty nets.

3 Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon and asked him to row it out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down in the boat to teach the crowd. **4** When Jesus had finished speaking, he told Simon, "Row the boat out into the deep water and let your nets down to catch some fish."

The empty vessel was used for ministry first, then the harvest and increase came after Jesus finished speaking. Perhaps a priority should be listening to God rather than focusing on the increase or the lack thereof.

Change Our Habits

¹⁵ News about Jesus kept spreading. Large crowds came to listen to him teach and to be healed of their diseases. ¹⁶ But Jesus would often go to some place where he could be alone and pray.

Do you have an intentional place where you can talk to God alone?

Why did God rest?

Did God rest for God's sake or did God rest on the seventh day for our sake to give us a divine example? (Genesis 1:3-2:4)

Change the Company That We Keep

17b God had given Jesus the power to heal the sick, 18 and some people came carrying a crippled man on a mat. They tried to take him inside the house and put him in front of Jesus. 19 But because of the crowd, they could not get him to Jesus.

Are **ALL** of your relationships unilateral?

Do you have individuals that are willing to go the extra mile for you?

Who pours into you when your faith is on edge?

Change our Focus

Jesus then said to the man, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk home."

²⁵ At once the man stood up in front of everyone. He picked up his mat and went home, giving thanks to God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and praised God. What they saw surprised them, and they said, "We have seen a great miracle today!"

How do we switch our focus from our current condition to Thanksgiving?

God is looking for some people with Big Picture Vision with Small Picture Appreciation.

Change our Location

²⁷ Later, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the place for paying taxes. Jesus said to him, “Come with me.” ²⁸ Levi left everything and went with Jesus. ²⁹ In his home Levi gave a big dinner for Jesus. Many tax collectors and other guests were also there. ³⁰ The Pharisees and some of their teachers of the Law of Moses grumbled to Jesus' disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with those tax collectors and other sinners?” ³¹ Jesus answered, “Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. ³² I didn't come to invite good people to turn to God. I came to invite sinners.”

Who are we evangelizing too? Fellow tax collectors, Pharisees, religious leaders or people that need to experience the transformative power of Jesus?