

A religious painting depicting Jesus standing on the shore, gesturing towards a group of men in a wooden boat. Jesus is wearing a white robe and sandals. The men in the boat are dressed in simple, earthy clothing. The background shows a calm body of water with a small sailboat in the distance under a soft, hazy sky. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

What Is That In Your Hand?

Matt. 4:18-22

Enter Christ: Matthew 4:18-22

1) Their Call: v. 18-19

*Note: the words “follow” and “after” mean to follow as a disciple, the one who is committed to imitating the one they are following.

2) Their Cost: v.20

- a. This call to follow meant giving up their careers.
- b. This call to follow would cost them the familiar.

d. In other words, for these guys to become true followers of Christ they would have to drop the very thing that probably meant the most to them, “their NETS.” Fact is all true followers need to be net-less.

*These followers were willing to lay down anything and everything that inhibits or prohibits their non-negotiated commitment to following Christ.

3) Their Commitment: v. 20-22

Now for you and Me:

1) Our Call:

2) Our Cost: “Our Nets”

a. Relationships: Friends, Family, Spouse

b. Comforts:

c. Fear of the unknown:

Gen. 12:1; “Now the Lord said to Abram, go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you.”

d. Plans and dreams can also become nets:

e. Our attitudes can be nets:

f. Secret sins are nets in our lives: