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Whose job is it to spread the Gospel?

How did you come to faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins?

- Tele-evangelist, TV, Radio, Podcast, etc.?
- Church function?
- Pastor, Priest or Preacher?
- Close relative or friend?

Matthew 28:19-20 "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, **20** teaching t hem to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Parable of the Fishless Fishermen

Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters all around. In fact the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry.

Week after week, month after month, and year after year these who called themselves fishermen met in meetings and talked about their call to fish, the abundance of fish, and how they might go about fishing. year after year they carefully defined what fishing means, defended fishing as an occupation, and declared that fishing is always to be a primary task of fishermen.

Continually they searched for new and better methods of fishing and for new and better definitions of fishing. Further they said, "The fishing industry exists by fishing as fire exists by burning." They loved slogans such as "Fishing is the task of every fisherman," and "Every fisherman is a fisher," and "A fisherman's outpost for every fisherman's club." They sponsored special meetings called "Fishermen's Campaigns" and "The Month for Fishermen to Fish."

These fishermen built large, beautiful buildings called "Fishing Headquarters." The plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and every fisherman should fish. One thing they didn't do, however – **they didn't fish.**

Some spent much study and travel to learn the history of fishing and to see faraway places where the founding fathers did great fishing in the centuries past.

After one stirring meeting on "The Necessity for Fishing," one young fellow left the meeting and went fishing. The next day he reported he had caught two outstanding fish. He was honored for his excellent catch and scheduled to visit all the big meetings possible to tell how he did it. So he quit his fishing in order to have time to tell about the experience to the other fishermen. He was also placed on the Fishermen's General Board as a person having considerable experience.

Now it's true that many of the fishermen sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. Some lived near the water and bore the smell of dead fish every day. They received the ridicule of some who made fun of their fishermen's clubs and the fact that **they claimed to be fishermen yet never fished.**

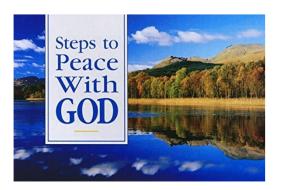
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I can't do that! - Correct! ...but the Holy Spirit can!

Hebrews 13:5 "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU.""

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.



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How?

Five Simple Questions to Remember:

- Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- Do you think there is a Heaven or Hell?
- If you died, where would you go? (If Heaven, why?)
- If what you believed was not true, would you want to know?

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Critical Scripture to Memorize

- Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- · Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- John 3:3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."
- John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God
 raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,
 and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
- 2 Corinthians 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.
- Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

The question to ask after he/she reads these verses out loud is:

"What does that say do you?"
If they don't know, have them read it again.

Let the Holy Spirit work!

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