



MARKS OF A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH: REACH

MATTHEW 4:18-20

REACH ONE

Am I sharing Christ with others?

HABIT: Show and tell others of your relationship with Christ

HELP: Write your story of How you came to know Christ

FOLLOWING JESUS *inherently produces a life of* **REACHING OTHERS FOR JESUS.**

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:18-20

HURDLE: "Reaching people is primarily for those with the gift of evangelism."

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

I. REACH others as the _____ you were rescued to be.

HURDLE: "I don't feel competent or confident yet."

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

II. REACH others by seeing the world around you as your _____ .

HURDLE: "I don't know who to start with."

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

III. REACH others in _____ by allowing God to work through you.

HURDLE: "I'd risk losing friends and favor with people."





Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Matthew 4:18-20. What thoughts might have been going through the minds of the disciples when Jesus called them to leave their old life behind? What concerns or doubts did you have when He first called you to follow Him?

“This miracle with the fish demonstrated in a very remarkable way that Jesus was not only to be trusted as Israel’s Teacher and Prophet and Miracle-worker, but also as their great Provider. ... With this miracle Peter’s fears about following Jesus melted. He and his partners walked away without a thought, without even bothering with that huge catch of fish. The fears which had haunted and hindered them so long vanished with the catch of fish. ... This story of the great catch is more than just the account of a great catch, for in the final analysis, it is not the fish that are ‘hooked’ but the fishermen.” BOB DEFFINBAUGH

2. Some believe talking about Jesus would be easier if they had been with Him in person, like the disciples were. But should it matter whether we’ve been with Him physically when it comes to obeying Jesus’ command to reach others and make disciples?

3. Which of the hurdles in the sermon do you relate to most often? What causes you to focus on the hurdle rather than on the power of the Spirit when telling others about Jesus?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. How would being a “new creature” give us a different perspective in talking to others about Jesus?

5. Read 1 Peter 3:15. How has Jesus changed you? How does that change give you confidence so you are prepared to give a reason for your faith at any time?

6. What is one specific way you can represent Christ to your friends and co-workers in the next few days? What opportunities will you be praying about and looking for?

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION: What fears are you asking the Lord to take away after hearing this series of BE/MAKE/REACH sermons? How are you asking the Spirit to empower you?

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

- 1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”
To know more about what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus visit www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps.

SEDER Led by David Teitelbaum, D.O., the Seder allows you to experience the traditional Passover ceremony that Jesus Himself would have participated in during His earthly ministry. You'll taste the ceremonial elements, learn the symbolism behind each and discover how it all points to Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. Learn more and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/seder.

TENEBRAE which means “the darkening,” is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus’ life and death through music and communion. Join us on Friday, April 7 at 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please note that we do recommend children ages 10 and under not attend due to the dramatic nature of the service. Learn more, and find Reservation Reminders, by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/tenebrae.

EASTER Join us this Easter as we celebrate the resurrection and victory of Jesus. Services will be held on both Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 across all our campuses and we would love to host you, your family and friends. Today, you can find Reservation Reminders, times and locations by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/easter.

EASTER INVITE Inviting someone to church can be intimidating! As Easter approaches, we know many of you are praying about reaching out and extending an invitation to someone in your life to join you for Easter service. As a resource to you, we've created a special web page designed to give simple, practical tips as you extend an invite! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/easterinvite to learn more.

FATHER-SON RETREAT Dads, you know how fast our sons grow up, and now is the time to forge character and lead by example in your relationship with Christ. We have a retreat for you and your son to get away and be encouraged along the way. There will be zip lines, laser tag, rockets and more! To find dates, location and registration, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/fatherson.

DISASTER RELIEF Here at Christ Chapel, we have an incredible ministry that reaches out in tangible and practical ways. On Sunday, April 23 you will have an opportunity to hear from the Disaster Relief team at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Hear their personal stories of change and impact as they reach out during a crisis. Be a part of this special event and learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/hope.

AVENEW WEEKEND Whether you're thinking about marriage or you just tied the knot come to our AVENEW weekend. Two days of exciting and encouraging material on God's purpose for your relationship and practical ways to grow closer to God and each other. We can't wait to see you there! Find the early bird special, location and registration by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/avenew.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCONLINE to 833-422-7200 to get started.