

Go Fish :: Fishing Buddies :: ANDY STANLEY

INTRODUCTION

The fishing process was never intended to be a solo expedition. Instead, telling others about Jesus is more about exposing them to the functioning body of Christ than it is convincing them of a belief system. And one of the best ways to encourage that exposure is to help create environments where unbelievers can experience a community of believers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you tend to think of evangelism as a solo expedition or a partnership? Why?
2. What are some of the biggest differences between evangelizing alone and partnering with other believers to fish for men?
3. Would you be comfortable inviting a nonbeliever to your church? Why or why not?
4. Describe an environment in which you would be comfortable inviting a non-believing friend to hear more about Jesus.
5. How would you follow up with a friend after he attended church (or another environment) with you?
6. Is there an event in the next month to which you could invite a friend? How could you extend this invitation?

THINK ABOUT IT

How can you begin to move toward a model of fishing that involves partnering with other believers? What are some of the ways you can begin to function within the body of Christ to create environments that will give unbelievers the chance to hear about Jesus.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, examine your assumptions about fishing for men. Do you picture it as a solo event in which you need to be prepared to argue theological subjects? Or is it your goal to help cultivate environments in which unbelievers can experience the body of Christ?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Fishing is not a solo expedition. This week reflect on how God uses many people to draw us into a growing relationship with Him.

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow." 1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-7