

“A DRINK FROM THE SPRING” 7-26-10

This Week’s Thought: Fishing: *“The act or technique of catching fish.”*

This Week’s Quote: *“To reconcile man with man and not with God is to reconcile no one at all.”*
.....Thomas Merton

This Week’s Prayer Concern: Rose Eash is a patient at Conemaugh Hospital.
John Blough is a patient at Somerset Hospital.

This Week’s Scripture: *“Then He said to them, Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”*
(Matthew 4:19).

I love the sport of fishing. I’ve talked to many people who told me that they don’t go fishing because to them fishing is “boring.” Those people don’t catch anything and have a “boring” time because they probably don’t have a clue as to what they are doing. I can honestly say that I don’t remember of very many “boring” fishing trips. There’s a reason for that. I’m very interested in the sport of fishing and I’ve invested much time and money in learning how to fish.

Before I leave on a fishing trip I must ask myself a question. “What kind of fish do I want to catch?” I must make that decision. The answer to that question will determine the location that I fish, the size of the rod and reel I will use and the lure or bait I will use. If I answer that question by saying, “I’m just fishing for anything that bites,” I probably will have a “boring” time.

Jesus said that we were to be “fishers of men.” That tells me that we must know the people in our communities, the people that we work with and the people we do business with. We must be able to relate to them and build a relationship of trust with them. That trust will be the “hook” or the “bait” that we need so that they will listen to us when we introduce them to Jesus.

The sole purpose of the church is to “catch” people for Jesus. Take the time to get to know that people that you see week in and week out. Build a trusting relationship with them and “catch” them for Jesus. It is possible for you to become an excellent fisherman.

Fishing With You,
Pastor Guy