

“What Position Did God Draft Me for on His Team?”

Based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)
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Matthew 4:18 & 21

18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore beside the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—fishing with a net, for they were commercial fishermen.

21 A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their nets.

† **Jesus did not approach his future disciples as strangers.**

† **Jesus had many followers but he chose these four.**

Matthew 4:20 & 22

20 And they left their nets at once and went with him.

22 They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

† **Jesus chose men who could be changed by his love, yet would continue to do their specialty.**

† **This is also how Jesus calls me.**

† **We are like the disciples, and they are like us.**

Matthew 4:19a - Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples, ..."

† **I must evaluate my service to God and do what Christ asks of me to do.**

† **I am to be a follower of Christ where I live, where I work, ... where I am.**

Matthew 4:19b - "...and I will show you how to fish for people!"

† **When Jesus comes to fishermen, he asks them to fish for people.**

† **What metaphor would Jesus use for me involving my occupation? _____**

- **When Jesus comes to me, he asks me to _____ for people.**

† **All 12 disciples were not copies of one another.**

† **I am called to come and follow my life coach, Jesus Christ, and to work with others on God's team.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† How am I a follower of Christ where I live?

† How am I a follower of Christ where I work?

† How am I a follower of Christ where I am?

† What "position" does God draft me to play on this team of Christians? Am I doing it?

† What is one thing I need to do this week to more fully be that metaphor Jesus would use for me?