“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

1. Introduction
2. The Duty: Follow Me
    a. What following Christ supposes and implies
        i. Spiritual life: Romans 8:2, 1 Peter 1:8, Psalm 45:2
        ii. Knowledge of the way Christ took
        iii. A sense of weakness: 2 Corinthians 2:16
        iv. A renouncing of our own wisdom: Luke 14:26, Isaiah 58:1
    b. How we are to follow Christ
        i. In seeking the Father’s glory: John 17:4, 1 Samuel 2:30
        ii. In seeking the good of others’ souls: Luke 19:10
        iii. In being affected by the state of lost souls: Matthew 9:36, Luke 19:41-42, Hebrews 10:31
        iv. In being grieved by the hardness of people’s hearts: Mark 3:5, Jeremiah 5:3, Hebrews 3:12-13
        v. In being much in prayer: Luke 9:18, Mark 6:46
        vi. In being useful to souls in private conversation
3. The Promise: To Be Made Fishers of Men
4. Unconverted Men Are Like Fish in the Water
5. Catching the Souls of Men
    a. The Net: Isaiah 55:1, Proverbs 8:4, Luke 19:5, Mark 4:1-20, John 6:37, John 18:9
    b. Encouragement to Persevere (Isaiah 42:8, John 21:3-6)
6. Application (John 1:35-42, Proverbs 11:30, Isaiah 60:1)

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