

Notices (if you need more info email churchoffice@readingfamilychurch.org.uk):

- **Leadership Summit – 19th September 2015**- Our summit will focus on "STRENGTHENING OUR PROPHETIC FOUNDATIONS" . Open to all it will be a day of encouragement and training. Andy Robinson and a team from Kings Church, Horsham will be joining us, serving us with both teaching and practical workshops. Come along and expect God to grow your prophetic gift. Cost is £10. Please book at www.rfcleadershipsommit15.eventbrite.co.uk . **PLEASE BOOK IN BY TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES.**

Life Group Notes
Sunday 6TH September 2015

Title: Fisher of Men

Passage: Mark 1:16-18

We looked at what builds a firm foundation for being fishers of men.

We looked at the passage and saw that the emphasis on calling was primarily to follow Jesus: to go where he goes, to hear what he says, see what he does. He wants the fishermen that he calls to become his followers because he knows that the people who we follow are the people we admire and want to be like. And that the people we spend most time with or time listening to shape us. They form how we respond to situations to the things we say, and even down to our mannerisms.

Therefore, if we are to be fishers of men, those who are his ambassadors and who represent him in this world, we need to know him and what he would do and say. That means following him, spending time with him, and learning from him.

As we do that we become more like him; we see the people that he sees and we love them and have compassion for them. We do share our stories which incorporate the gospel. We will confront religiosity and not let us be conformed to what we should be doing, rather doing what Jesus wants us to do. Hopefully you can see that as we become like him we start to fish. Instead of fishers of men being all about evangelism, it's actually all about being more like Jesus. It's a natural by-product of following Jesus. We don't have to be fishers of men, we get to be followers of Jesus and he makes us fishers of men.

Suggested group time

- 1) As you read the passage together what stands out to you as a group?
- 2) What does it mean for us to follow Jesus in 21st century Reading? How do we spend time with him?
- 3) Does the prospect of evangelism breathe fear into you? Why?
- 4) How can this message help – knowing that there is still a calling to be fishers of men, Christ's ambassadors?
- 5) Pray for each other that we would walk closely with Jesus, that we would be spending our time with him and from that that we would bear fruit as fishers of men as we become more like him.