



Opening Question:

Have you ever been fishing and actually caught a fish?

Is the message of Jesus a whale's tale?

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea,
beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living
in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." (v. 15 -16)

**What does the call of the first disciples teach us about
the message of Jesus and the journey of faith?**

The Four Steps

Step #1: _____, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near!

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven has come near." (v. 17)

"In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of
Judea and saying, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
(Mt. 3:1-2)

Step #2: _____ closer to the one who offers you repentance.

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon
called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake,
for they were fishermen. ¹⁹"Come, follow me," Jesus said..." (v. 18 – 19)

Step # 3: _____ the Master Teacher.

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee
and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee,
preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat
and their father and followed him. (v. 20 – 22)

➤ **Consider: Where did you learn to be a follower of Jesus?**

Step #4: We must learn to _____ !

¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for
people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. (v. 19 – 20)

In this Boat Story, Jesus' message is simple and direct.

**Being a disciple means we:
Repent | Come | Follow | And Fish.**



**What step do you most need to
focus on going forward?**