



88. Time To Go Fishing

Peter proclaimed, “*Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.*” And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “*Be saved from this perverse generation!*” So then, those who had

received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls,” Acts 2:38-41.

Peter preached these words in Jerusalem, the city that crucified Jesus just a few weeks earlier. He preached on the Jewish festival of Pentecost ... celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It was the Feast of the Harvest celebrating the ingathering of the first fruits from the fields, Exodus 23:16. What a great day for first fruits to be gathered into His church. ... *“And that day there were added about three thousand souls.”*

Can you imagine what that day was like? Jesus had told the Disciples, *“Follow Me,*

and I will make you fishers of men,"
Matthew 4:19. And on that day, the fisherman Peter fished for men. Think about what it must have felt like to see 3,000 come to faith in Jesus. I wonder how long it took to baptize all 3,000. Jesus had told them earlier, "*Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest,*" John 4:35. The words of Jesus are still true today. The fields are white for harvest. If the Spirit could bring 3,000 to Jesus through one fisherman, what can he do through you? Maybe it's time for you to go fishing.