

FOCUS: Jesus Said It; We Believe It !

“ FOLLOW ME ”

“I Will Make You Fishers of Men”

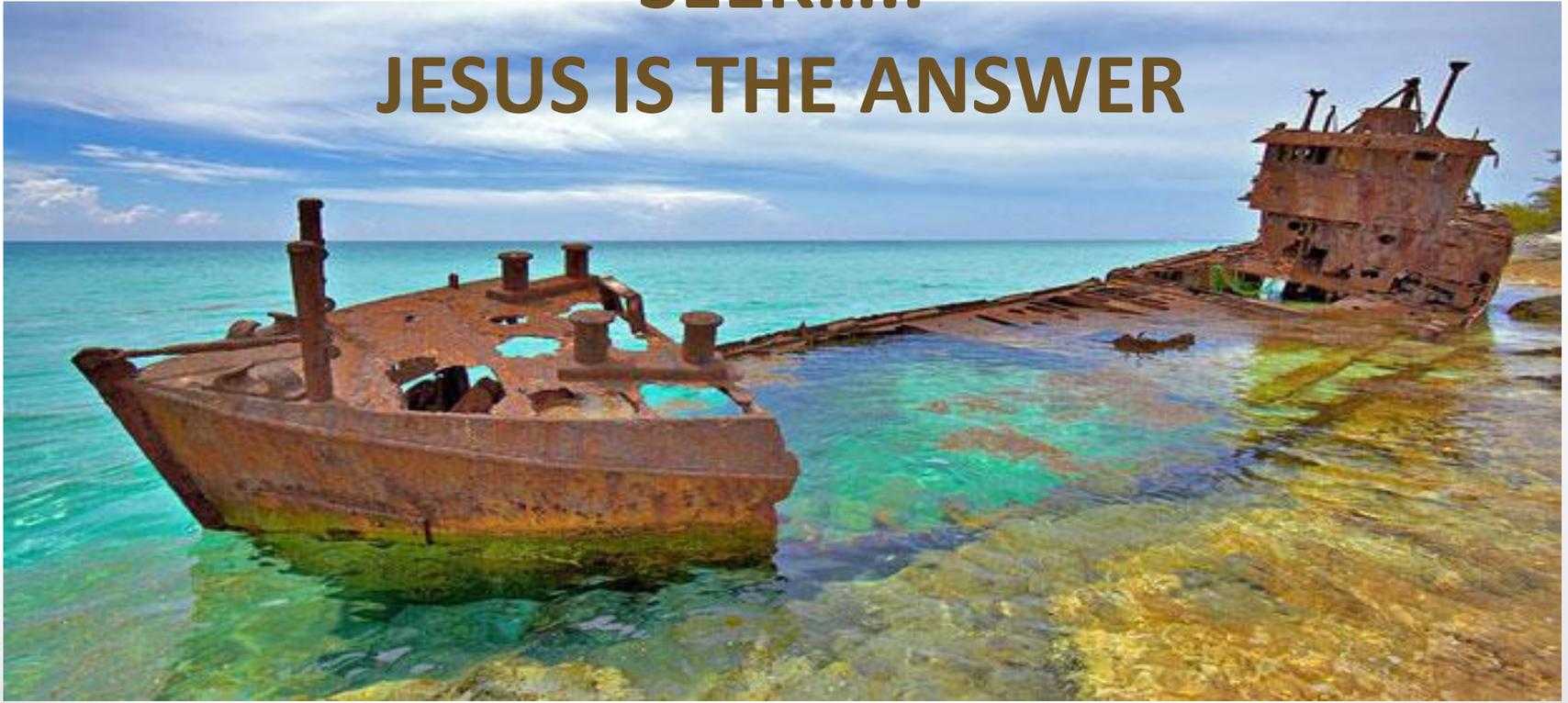
Lesson Objective

To learn how to reach out to people with the Good News of Salvation.



**DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOU ON
WRECKED SHIP? FEELING OF
HOPELESSNESS, LOST IN YOUR OWN
THOUGHTS, SEARCHING FOR
SOMETHING BUT WHAT IS THIS YOU
SEEK.....**

JESUS IS THE ANSWER



God's Characteristics Demonstrated In His Spiritual Gifts

Motivational, Ministry, and Manifestation gifts

The Apostle Paul speaks of **the variety of spiritual gifts**: *“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. . . . But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will”* (1 Corinthians 12:4–11).

PURPOSE OF THESE 3 GIFTS

To minister to His Church and to accomplish His work in the world.

Motivational Gifts: “ . . . *Diversities of gifts* . . .”(I Corinthians 12:4).

How God works in a believer to shape his perspective on life and motivate his words and actions. (See Romans 12:3–8.)

Ministry Gifts: “ . . . *Differences of administrations* . . .”(I Corinthians 12:5).

How God works with what a believer does to serve and meet the needs of others. (See Ephesians 4:11–13 and I Corinthians 12:27–31.)

Manifestation Gifts: “ . . . *Diversities of operations* . . .”(I Corinthians 12:6).

How God works through a believer in a given situation to demonstrate His supernatural power. (See I Corinthians 12:7–11.)

Motivational Gifts

At the Moment of Salvation, a Believer Receives One
of

SEVEN MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS

- ✓ Prophecy
- ✓ Serving
- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ Exhorting
- ✓ Giving
- ✓ Organizing
- ✓ Mercy

Motivational Gifts

This gift of God's grace **shapes how the believer views life, relates to others, and impacts the Body of Christ.** A motivational gift can be compared to a set of eyeglasses from God, given so that the believer can see people and circumstances through that particular set of "lenses."

The following are simple descriptions of the seven motivational gifts, explaining how a person with each gift would "see" his or her role in the Body of Christ:

Motivational Gifts

PROPHECY: Reveals truth by exposing sin, so that fellowship with God can be restored and/or maintained

SERVING: Demonstrates love by meeting practical needs, usually through tangible work

TEACHING: Discovers and validates truth so that the Church maintains accuracy

EXHORTING: Encourages Christians to grow spiritually by teaching, discipling, and counseling others

GIVING: Conserves and shares resources in order to meet needs.

ORGANIZING: Carries out projects by recruiting workers, organizing tasks, or delegating responsibilities

MERCY: Demonstrates God's love and compassion by responding to hurt

Motivational Gifts



God works through the spiritual gifts in the Body of Christ to help the Church grow and remain healthy. By God's grace;

1. Prophets warn believers of sin.
2. Servers guard against slothfulness.
3. Teachers steer us clear of heresy.
4. Exhorters watch out for hopelessness.
5. Givers stand against selfishness.
6. Organizers ward off chaos.
7. Mercy-givers demonstrate God's tender love

Ministry Gifts

Ministry gifts are **the tools God uses to build up the Church**. They are practical, essential, can-do types of gifts such as those described in Ephesians 4:11-13:

*“He gave some,
and some,
and some,
and some,
and*

*Apostles;
Prophets;
Evangelists;
Pastors
Teachers;*

Ministry Gifts

Why Are These Gifts Given and Needed ?

for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” (See also I Corinthians 12:27–31.)

Ministry Gifts

Are **often confirmed by ordination**. The Apostle Paul told Timothy, *“Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery”* (I Timothy 4:14).

Manifestation Gifts

Manifestation gifts are supernatural demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's presence and power.

The Spirit of God is the Source of these gifts, and they are manifested for the benefit of others and to bring God glory.

Manifestation Gifts

“The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit

- *the **word of wisdom**;*
- *to another the **word of knowledge** by the **same Spirit**;*
- *to another **faith** by the **same Spirit**;*
- *to another the **gifts of healing** by the **same Spirit**;*
- *to another the **working of miracles**;*
- *to another **prophecy**;*
- *to another **discerning of spirits**;*
- *to another **divers kinds of tongues**;*
- *to another the **interpretation of tongues**;*
- *but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit,
dividing to every man severally as he will” (I Corinthians 12:7–11).*

Manifestation Gifts

The Value of Understanding Spiritual Gifts

Knowing that each Christian has gift sets that are unique, valuable, and needed in the Body of Christ gives believers **purpose in God's kingdom.**

*“If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath **God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body.**”*

Manifestation Gifts

The Value of Understanding Spiritual Gifts (continued)

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. . . . There should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another” (I Corinthians 12:17–25).

As we demonstrate the love of God through gifts that He has given us, we will experience **fulfillment and great joy**. We must understand our gifts that God has given to us is for his purpose, and to Glorify Him.

Summary

Closing The Mission Lesson 1

- No argument will convert the soul of a darkened mind.
- Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. But God can and does penetrate the darkness with His glorious Gospel And He uses us to do it.
- We must seek God's wisdom and God's guidance on all of our fishing expeditions.
- We must know the fish that we are trying to catch, pray for the guidance and aid of the Holy Spirit, then offer the only effective bait; the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel the “good news” of Jesus Christ, has the power to change lives, shine light in darkness, and stop men and women from going to hell.

Summary

“FOLLOW ME”

In essence, Jesus was saying, “Learn about Me; Know and Understand My Mission and My Message. The message given to our Biblical brethren “Peter and Andrew” is still relevant for us today. We are charged to be fishers of men.