



Nick was getting ready to put new sparkplugs into his snowmobile.

“Hey Dad, can you hand me the gapping tool?”

Nick’s father owned a small engine-repair business, and Nick liked working with his dad. When Nick was very small, his dad had to stand him on a chair so he could see the top of the workbench.

Nick’s father wiped his hands on a cloth and said, “We need to get cleaned up for church as soon as you finish gapping those plugs, Son.” Nick sighed. “What’s wrong, Nick?”

“I would rather stay here with you so I can finish this.”

“I know,” his dad smiled in response. “But you’ve already learned enough for today about being a mechanic. Now it’s time we both go for our lesson on how to be better disciples of Jesus.”

Nick sighed again. “I learn all about that in religion class. What more can I learn by going to church?”

“Let me explain it this way,” said Dad. “Everything you have learned about how to fix an engine has been by watching and then doing. By working with me, you understand what makes things work. Now if something is not operating properly, you can tell by looking at it and listening to it. Do you think you could have learned that from a book?” Nick shook his head no.

Dad went on. “Jesus told his disciples to follow him and he would make them fishers of people. But Jesus knew that the disciples had a better chance of understanding what it meant to be his disciples if they spent time watching him and learning from him. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he knew the disciples would be ready to teach others in his place.”

Read Matthew 4:12-23 and then close your Bible. See if you can answer each of the following questions.

1. What is a disciple?

- A BELIEVER IN THE TEACHINGS OF ANOTHER
- A STUDENT
- A TEACHER
- ALL OF THE ABOVE

2. What is the first thing we read in today’s Gospel? (See v. 12.)

- JESUS IS BAPTIZED
- JOHN THE BAPTIST HAS BEEN ARRESTED
- JESUS IS TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL

3. What town did Jesus go to live in? (See vs. 13.)

- NAZARETH IN THE MOUNTAINS
- JERUSALEM BY THE RIVER
- CAPERNAUM BY THE SEA

4. What is the name of the Old Testament prophet mentioned in today’s Gospel? (See v. 14.)

- JEREMIAH THE PROPHET
- HOSEA THE PROPHET
- ISAIAH THE PROPHET

5. What did Jesus preach at the beginning of his ministry? (See v. 17.)

- YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
- STOP JUDGING THAT YOU MAY NOT BE JUDGED
- REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

WING JESUS

6. What were the names of the first two fishermen Jesus called to be his disciples? (See v. 18.)

SIMON AND ANDREW
MATTHEW AND MARK
JAMES AND JOHN

7. What did Jesus say to the fishermen? (See v. 19.)

LEAVE YOUR NETS AND FOLLOW ME
COME AFTER ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN
REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

8. What did Jesus mean when he said he would make Simon and Andrew “fishers of men”?

JESUS WOULD TEACH THEM HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES
OF OTHERS
JESUS WOULD SHOW THEM HOW TO BAPTIZE PEOPLE
JESUS WOULD TEACH THEM TO WASH EACH OTHER’S FEET

9. In this story about Nick and his dad, how did Nick learn to fix engines?

WATCHING AND LISTENING TO HIS DAD AT WORK
WORKING ON ENGINES HIMSELF WHILE HIS DAD
SUPERVISED
BOTH

10. What did Jesus say to his disciples before he ascended to heaven? (See Matthew 28:19.)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
FEED MY LAMBS
GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL
NATIONS

11. To minister to others, what did Jesus do? (See v. 23.)

TAUGHT IN THE SYNOGOGUES
PROCLAIMED THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM
CURED DISEASE AND ILLNESS
ALL OF THE ABOVE

Nick looked at his dad.
“I think I know what you mean, Dad. It’s not enough just to know the facts about our faith. We won’t really understand it unless we live it, too. Right?”

“That’s right,” Nick’s dad said.

“When we get to know Jesus through prayer and Scripture, he can make disciples of us!”

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Answers: 1. all of the above 2. John the Baptist has been arrested 3. Capernaum by the sea 4. Isaiah the prophet 5. Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand 6. Simon and Andrew 7. Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men 8. Jesus would teach them how to make disciples of others 9. both 10. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations 11. all of the above

