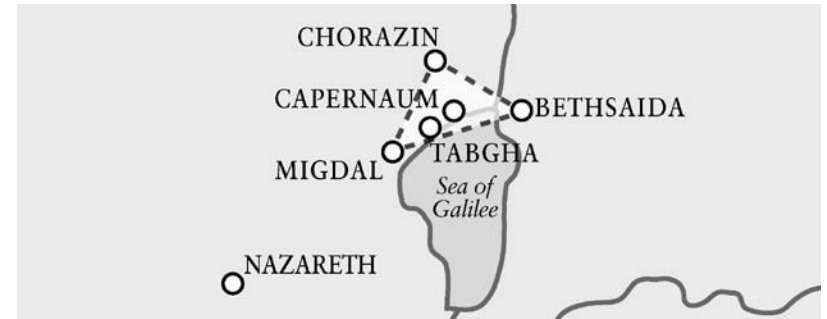


The Setting:



“The Evangelical Triangle”: The center of Jesus’ ministry

Its nature is wonderful as well as its beauty. . . Its soil is so fruitful that all kinds of trees can grow upon it. . . it supplies people with grapes and figs continually during ten months of the year. Besides the good temperature of the air, it is also watered from a most fertile fountain. The people of that country call it Capbarnaum. . . —Josephus, 1st century historian

Jesus chooses his team:

1. Jesus calls the _____

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in. . . He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge. . . Stepping into one, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

. . . their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! . . . Simon Peter fell to his knees . . . and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me — I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.” Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. *Luke 5:1–11 NLT*



2. Jesus calls the _____

After this, Jesus went out and saw a **tax collector** by the name of Levi sitting at his **tax booth**. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. *Luke 5:27–28*

3. Jesus calls the _____

Among them were **Mary Magdalene**, from whom he had cast out seven demons; **Joanna**, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples. *Luke 8:2–3 NIV (See Romans 16:7)*

What does this mean to me?

1. Stay _____

[Jesus:] “You did not choose me, but **I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit. . . .” *John 15:16a*

“We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground.” —Brennan Manning

2. See _____

Simon Peter said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me — **I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.**” Jesus replied, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” *Luke 5:8,10 NLT*

... Grace calls out, “You are not just a disillusioned old man who may die soon, a middle-aged woman stuck in a job and desperately wanting to get out, a young person feeling the fire in the belly begin to grow cold. You may be insecure, inadequate, mistaken or potbellied. Death, panic, depression, and disillusionment may be near you. But you are not just that. You are accepted.” Never confuse your perception of yourself with the mystery that you really are accepted. —Brennan Manning

3. Serve _____

“Wake up and look around. The fields are ripe for harvest.” *John 4:35 NLT*

Big Idea:

See life as _____

“Follow me,” Jesus said. . . . *Matthew 4:19a*

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Memory Verse

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