

A Disciple's Dictionary
Goin' Fishin'!
Mark 1:17

Part 1

We must first *define* **evangelism** and *dispel* any **misgivings** associated with it.

Evangelist (euaggelistés) – *a bringer of good news, bearer of good tidings, missionary*

We also need a better **understanding** of what it means to be a **witness**.

Witness (marturion or martus) – *a testimony, evidence, proof, martyr*

Part 2

What is the “Big Picture” of evangelism?

Evangelism has its **roots** in the **Old Testament** (Genesis 12:1-3, Psalm 67:1-2).

God has always been in the **business** of **saving** the nations (Isaiah 49:6, 52:10).

It **culminates** in the *New Testament* and **continues** with us *today* (Matt. 18:11-13, 1 John 1:1-3).

Part 3

Who is called to be a witness?

Jesus' first **command** was *focused on fishing* - just **not for fish** (Mark 1:17).

In His *first sermon*, Jesus *calls* us to be **salt** and **light** (Matthew 5:13-16).

The Great Commission is not a **suggestion** (Matthew 28:19-20).

The Gospel is not something to keep to **ourselves** (Mark 16:15).

Jesus calls *all of us* to be **witnesses** (Acts 1:8).

Final Thoughts

1. **Every believer** is called to be a **witness** of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Witnessing is a matter of **obedience** to Christ, and not a **choice**.
3. Your own **salvation** needs to come first **before** witnessing to others.