

SERMON OUTLINE FOR JANUARY 25, 2015

"Hot Tubs & Fishing Trips"

Mark 1:16-20

INTRODUCTION:

The advertisement in the newspaper: For sale – 1 hot tub.

- I. PEOPLE ALL AROUND US ARE GOING THROUGH LIFESTYLE CHANGES
 - A. Various changes are being tried . . .
 - B. It is easy to by cynical about these changes
 - C. St Augustine said: "The heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee, O God."
- II. SOME LIFESTYLE CHANGES ARE SIMPLY REBELLION AGAINST BOREDOM
 - A. Yet, such "escapes" are no escape at all
 - B. Even such escapes are made to find a pace of deeper meaning & purpose
 - C. We all long to be loved & to be called to make a real difference in life
- III. THIS BRINGS US TO 'FISHING TRIPS'
 - A. Jesus called some men to 'go fishing' with Him (Mark 1:16-20)
 - B. He was calling them to a real 'lifestyle change'
 - C. He calls us today to leave our restlessness & boredom & to follow Him
 - D. He calls us to find real meaning, purpose & eternity

CONCLUSION: The wounded little dog & his friend