

For 2,000 years fishing has existed in every community, every culture and people group. So it comes as no surprise that Jesus chose the analogy of fishing to carry the concept of making disciples to his own followers. Jesus Christ has chosen you to fish for souls and make disciples. Modern youth ministry has become about the lights, the events and the parental “Rah Rah” of youth ministry. Just give kids something to do and most parents are happy.

Jesus didn't give us the gospel to keep kids busy. He didn't call us to do cool events for kids or even design trendy shirts. Jesus Christ called us to equip students to be fishers of men. Are you teaching your team to fish?

Don't get me wrong, fishing is messy. Gather a few students, get a couple worms and a hook or two and in no time you will be searching for those medical release forms. No matter how messy fishing is, nor how hard it can be – this is our calling.

At Ignite you'll find followers of Jesus committed to fishing-fishing for souls. Jesus said, “follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19 If you struggle with apathetic students or discouraged volunteers, that don't care to fish, you're not alone. We don't have all the answers because we struggle with the same things, but we do have quality men and women who have over 100 years of youth ministry training and have some proven ways of catching fish.

We don't believe in gimmicks. We believe evangelism is a process that takes time, dedication and commitment. Thus, this conference isn't a marketing effort. We promise nothing but to do the best we can at giving you quality Biblical teaching and ideas that are proven.

Come to Ignite – Let's fish together..... even the disciples used nets.

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