The Calling of the Disciples to be Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:18-22:

Matthew 4:18 to 22 talks about Jesus calling men to be His disciples. As I was reflecting on these verses I jotted down the following in my journal.

1) Matthew 8 talks about the Divine call. He said, “Follow me”

Who does Jesus Call?

The men He chose:

* They were not of great scholarship
* Or influential
* Or wealthy
* Or of high social background

They were not poor

They were simple working people.

They were ordinary men.

What Jesus needs is ordinary people who will give themselves totally to Him.

He can do anything with people like that!

"Our greatest qualification serving God is our inadequacy... AND depending on His adequacy" Jim Lo

2) Matthew 4 also talks to us about the Divine concern--- Jesus said, “I will make you…”

Transformation is the key.

He wants to transform us to become more and more like Him.

3) And lastly, Matthew 4 talks to us about the Divine commission--- Jesus said he wants us to be “fishers of men”.

As I was thinking about this the following question came to mind – “What makes a person a good fisherman?”

Below is the list I came up with after talking to a few individuals who like to fish.

* + - A good fisherman is patient
    - A good fisherman perseveres
    - A good fisherman has courage
    - A good fisherman has “an eye for the moment”
    - A good fisherman knows how to fit the bait to the fish
    - A good fisherman knows how to keep self out of sight

Question: How do you think being a good fisherman relates to fishing for men?