

THE BRIDGE
“*The Big Step*”
Pastor Michael Lee
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Mark 1:14-20 (ESV)

Excuses Why Not to be Fisher of Men:

1) “*They aren’t interested*”

Truth: People are **desperate for what Jesus has to offer**
(Matthew 9:35-38)

2) “*I don’t have what it takes*”

Truth: The Holy Spirit will **enable me** (Acts 1:6-8)

3) “*Someone else will do it*”

Truth: Each believer is **responsible** (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

4) “*They might reject me*”

Truth: Yes, there may be a **price I must pay** (Luke 14:25-33)

CENTRAL TRUTH:

God has called believers to be fishers of men—i.e., the vessel through which God saves the lost with the gospel of Christ.

LIVE CONCERTS 2008 (Aug. 10, 17, 24)

What is Live Concerts?

Live Concerts 2008 is a bridge event designed to connect the unchurched to Jesus Christ. It consists of three separate concerts on August 10, 17, 24 of various genres of music ranging from hop-hop to jazz.

Why Are We Doing This?

We are hosting *Live Concerts* because we are a missional community and, as such, we seek to connect the unchurched to God through an experience of the gospel.

What Are We Hoping to Achieve?

For every unchurched person to:

- Hear the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Have a positive experience with believers and church.
- Explore Jesus Christ in the context of YNEM community (e.g., Sunday service, Alpha, Starting Point, mid-size group, etc)
- Know specific next steps they can take to either find out more about Jesus Christ or get connected to YNEM

For YNEM attenders to:

- Experience being the missional community that God has called us to be
- Cultivate a heart for the unchurched
- Create a culture that welcomes the unchurched

How Can I Help?

You can help in four essential ways: **Pray. Prepare. Volunteer. Invite.**

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The primary activity that we seek in this week’s LifeGroup is prayer for the unchurched and for LIVE Concerts. Please leave ample time for #4.

1. Describe your most memorable fishing trip. What kind did you fish for? Where? With whom? What was your experience like?

Going Deeper into the Message

2. What one word come to mind when you hear the statement, “*You are the vessel through which God saves the lost with the gospel of Christ.*”
3. Which of the four excuses do you find yourself using the most? How can you change your attitude or behavior in light of the Bible references.
4. **There is power in prayer.** Please pray as a group for the following requests regarding LIVE Concerts:
 - a. For three unchurched individuals whom you would like to invite.
 - b. For each item under “What Are We Hoping to Achieve,” both for the unchurched and YNEM attenders.
 - c. For sufficient volunteers for the Food Crew, Raffle Crew, Stage Crew, and Welcome Crew.
 - d. For the musical artists.