

The Town of Fools and Fishermen

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There lived a group of people in the Town of Fools who called themselves fishermen. The fishermen lived by the sea and had raised support from the town for a great fleet of fishing boats. The fishermen spent much time discussing the best way to apply their calling. They formed committees, held seminars and even converted some Fools into joining their fishermen's club. Finally the fishermen selected a small boy to fish. Because of all the disagreement between the fools and the fishermen, the boy finally left alone in his own small boat. Some fools did agree to cast down all evil spirits that prevented the fish from biting and several groups of fishermen agreed to hold "prayer marches" along the beaches. One group of fools smugly replied that if any fish were to be caught it would happen automatically according to fate. But not one of the fools or fishermen would actually get in the boat and fish.

The boy did catch fish because the sea was full of hungry fish. Then the fishermen argued about the way the fish should be distributed. So another committee was formed....

How surprised they were when one day the little boy went out fishing and never came back to fish for them again.

After the boy's departure an angry town of fools and fishermen scheduled a series of meetings to discuss the matter.

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus of Nazareth