

# still waters

home church studies

## Psalm 62.5-12

[Worship]

5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah 9 Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. 10 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, 12 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

### Consider:

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After John had been arrested, Jesus came proclaiming "the time has come" (Mark 1:14-15). John's arrest as a subversive is followed by Jesus' demonstration of solidarity by picking up the theme of John's message. The assault on the old order has begun: Repent and believe the gospel, declares Jesus. His strategy opens with the formation of a discipleship community who are to be fishers of people. The prophets Amos and Ezekiel refer to the "hooking of fish" as a judgment on the rich and powerful (Amos 4:2, Ezekiel 29:4). Those invited to

"fish" will join the struggle against the powerful and privileged who oppress the poor and weak.

But first they have to repent. Fishers who could afford hired help (Mark 1:20) were relatively successful businesspeople. Jesus' invitation for the fishers to leave their nets and follow him is a call to repentance. They are challenged to break with social and economic security for a few, for the sake of all.



Following Jesus is to break with "business as usual," and it creates an opportunity to become disciples learning to build a new social order.

### Reflection and Action

[Think & Pray...]

How do you react to the idea that Jesus invited people to join the struggle against the powerful and privileged by walking away from comfort and security, following him to a higher "Calling?" Which people of faith do you admire and seek to follow in some way? Why? What would it mean for you in your situation to become "fishers of people?"

[Scripture]

## 1 Corinthians 7.29-31

29 I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.