GO FISH

August 16/17, 2025
Pastor Justin

I. Go _____

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:18-20 (NIV)

- The _____ to go

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:16-19

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

- Go fish in _____. Start with _____.
- Go fish in Judea /_____. Reach out to those _____ than you.
- Go fish to the ends of _____. Reach the _____.

II. _____ them before you _____ them.

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. 1 Corinthians 5:12–13 (NIV)

- Avoid _____ the Lost
- _____ the Lost
- _____ to the Lost
- _____ the Lost

III. Living _____

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that

you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. John 17:13-19

- Not of the _____
- Be the _____ not the fish.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV)

- _____ Witness

IV. Jesus is the _____

Only Jesus can truly offer:

- Hope: The _____ of eternal life

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24 (NIV)

- Peace: Reconciliation with God

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1 (NIV)

- Life: Abundantly here and now

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10 (NIV)

- Truth: Sets us _____

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth & the truth will set you free. John 8:31-32

My Next Step Is:

- I'm deciding for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will pray asking God to put 3 people on my heart: My Jerusalem – someone close to me / My Samaria – someone near but different than me / My Ends of the Earth – someone far away.
- This week, I will choose to lead with grace (not judgment) toward someone who doesn't know Jesus yet.
- This week, I will reflect on where I'm not living distinctly for Christ and ask God to help me change.
- I will volunteer at the Block Party on 9/14 – 1st shift 11:30-1:30 or 2nd shift 1:30-3:30 (circle one).