

Why We Fish

"What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes-- from their own sons or from others?" "From others," Peter answered. "Then the sons are exempt." (Matthew 17:25-26)



- Exodus 30:13 commands all Jewish males to pay God an annual ransom for his life. The ransom amount was half a shekel (Greek = *didrachma*). Jesus instructs Peter to take a two *didrachma* coin (called a *stater* or *tetradrachma*) from the mouth of a fish to ransom the two of them. But Jesus didn't have to pay it, because _____.
- We do evangelism because of who Jesus is. He is God's Son. He is the world's savior, its teacher, its master, and its judge. One day everybody will bow their knee to Him.

1. Jesus is Lord. Do you believe this?

- "Son of God" doesn't mean God's kid; it means _____. The Son is God.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him "Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3)

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen. (Romans. 9:5)

- Jesus is not optional. He is the world's Savior, Teacher, Master, and Judge.
- The world worships other gods; gods who cannot save us.

Americans believe matter is all there is and personal happiness is the purpose of life. We call this religion _____. It is an idol that cannot save

- One day every knee will bow before Christ and every tongue will confess Him.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-11)

2. Jesus came to save the lost. Steps you can take to save the lost:

1. Find the lost, and show them _____.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19:10).

- Eat with them, do ministry with them, heal them, and bless them. Like Jesus did.

- The only way to reach secular people is through _____.

2. Carefully tell them all about Jesus. We have a _____ for that.

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)

- People are not attracted to _____.
- People are attracted to Jesus.
- If you are a disciple, you already know enough to witness Jesus.

3. Call them to make a decision.

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:14-15)

- Jesus doesn't call people merely to muse, reflect, or appreciate. He calls us to act. People need to be called to action. _____.
- The initial acts we must take:
 - a. *Decide to trust in Jesus' way from now on:* _____
 - b. *Decide to stop serving sin:* _____
 - c. *Decide to die to yourself and be raised by the Spirit's power with Christ:* _____

4. Continue to disciple those who accept Christ.

... Make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20)

5. Know when to pursue and know when to let go.

Some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times. (Mark 4:4-8)

And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them. (Mark 6:11)

3. The world needs to know its Lord. And this is why we fish.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)

Page 5: Himself our ransom; divine, secularism, extraordinary love

Page 6: love, DBS, church, doctrine, morals, or religion; ask them to act; believe, repent, be baptized