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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Why Fishermen?

I recently decided to take up fishing. I went many times with my dad and brothers while growing up. However, I never got interested in fishing with any kind of consistency or attempting to gain any real skill or knowledge. In the past, my dad did everything. So, I'm having to learn it all for myself.

Now, I've realized that fishing is way harder than I thought! When I got all my new gear, I thought I'd be pulling in bass left and right. But, that couldn't be further from the truth. I can hardly get any bites. And when I finally do, landing the fish is a whole other story. Maybe I'm just bad, but it made think about the kind of fishing that all Christians are meant to do.

In Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus meets Simon Peter and Andrew while they were fishing, and later, James and John, the sons of Zebedee while they were mending their fishing nets. In verse 19, Jesus tells Peter and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men," which they immediately did. And James and John would do the same.

All four apostles recognized that Jesus was asking them to go after a much more valuable catch than the fish they'd been seeking. Jesus wanted them to bring Him souls by preaching the gospel of the kingdom (cf. v. 23). But, what does fishing have to do with preaching? As a novice angler, there are a few things that I've observed.

First, fishing takes skill. You have to learn many techniques in order to increase your chances of landing a fish. You have to be able to tie different knots and you have to be able to move the bait in the water according to its design. Winning souls also requires skills. You must choose your words wisely. Jesus says, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Next, fishing also requires knowledge. You need to study in order to know what kind of fish you're after, what kind of bait attracts them, and what seasons they're active. Similarly, we must study the Bible to be able to reach people with God's message. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Finally, fishing requires patience. You can't expect to catch a fish on every cast. If you give up too quickly, you will never land a big one! Likewise, we must allow God's work to develop in His time. Paul says in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

If we want to be fishers of men like the apostles, we must work to gain the skills, knowledge and patience necessary. ~Robert Lupo

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
07/05 Monthly Potluck 07/11 Men's Business Mtg. 9:00a 07/13 Hand & Foot Get Together	Delina Woodward 7/5 Charlee-Jo Thomas 7/22 Danny & Shannon Mendoza 7/22 Jim & Holly Preston 7/22 Nana Sinicrope 7/23 David Nelson 7/23	Ila Stephens 7/28 Rick Woodward 7/31
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
May 31 – Pendleton Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 2nd Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Classes begin again in September

For us to remember:

- **Pat Lindsay, Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend),
- **Jim Preston** has a lung infection that requires antibiotic infusions. Keep Jim and Holly in your prayers.
- **Doreen Martinez** A spot was found on her spine. Keep her in your prayers as she continues to be treated for cancer
- **Jonnie Marcotte** – Had her hip replacement surgery on Friday. She was supposed to go home on Saturday. Everything went well and she was up and moving around. Thank you for the prayers and continue to keep her in your prayers.
- **Linda Bills** – Having right hip replaced soon please keep her and family in your prayers
- **Rod Gillespie** – recovering from covid and pneumonia keep him in your prayers
- **Karen McBurney** fell and broke her shoulder. Keep her in your prayers as she heals
- Danny and
- Camp IvyDale for the teens is this week. .Danny Mendoza and several of the teens have gone to be encouraged this week of fellowship, worship and learning. They are traveling today. Keep them in your prayers as they travel. Thank you Delina and Rick for taking the kids to the camp.

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	H. Jones	L. Moore	J. Danley	L. Moore J. Wilson	B. Lafferty
Next Week	J. Danley	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson	L. Moore C. Sullins	D. McLaughlin

Say You're Sorry!

How often have you been told to "say you're sorry," or told your child to "say you're sorry"? It is important in training a child to teach humility, kindness, empathy, honesty, forgiveness, and many other principles involved in Christian living.

Have you ever considered that using the phrase, "say you're sorry" could be the wrong way to teach that lesson? Simply saying that you care, that you're honest, or saying that you forgive someone is not actually doing or being that thing.

Instead, try saying, "Jimmy (or Jessica), you need to BE sorry about that and tell Bobby (or Betsy) that you ARE sorry.

Similarly, our hearts are very important as we live the life of a Christian. We are not to say we are honest, or humble, or forgiving. We are to be honest, humble, forgiving, kind and empathetic.

In Mark 12:28-34, when a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is foremost of all, Jesus does not respond with "Say the Lord our God is one Lord and say you love Him with all your soul, mind and strength". Instead, He says, "you shall love Him in this way". It is an action, not just merely words. The same applies to the second commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." It must be actual and real, not just something we say. Mark notes that Jesus was pleased with the scribe's statement that to love in this way was "much more than all burnt offering and sacrifices."

Just like many Jews who offered their sacrifices and burnt offerings without their hearts engaged, we too can sacrifice and worship, etc. and not have our hearts in it. We can go through the motions of doing the right things and saying the right words, but God desires our hearts to be fully committed. He wants us to be who we are, to be real, authentic, and sincere... not merely an act or something superficial.

Let's examine ourselves and determine to actually BE who and what God wants us to be.

~Gary Woodall

Is It About the "don'ts" or the "do's"

How do you measure your faithfulness? How do you measure your Christian walk? While some want to argue that works are not necessary to one's relationship with God, Scripture teaches otherwise ([Eph. 2:10](#); [Jas. 1:21-25](#); [2:14-26](#); [1 Cor. 15:58](#)). In fact, the Bible tells us, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves" ([2 Cor. 13:5](#)). So, we must be able to test our faithfulness. How do we do that? Some

Christians measure it by what they "don't do." "Well, I don't curse, I don't steal, I don't get drunk, I don't envy, I don't retaliate against others, I don't do anything really bad." The idea is that I'm good with God as long as I don't do the bad stuff. But, God is looking (1) at your heart and (2) what you actually do. The two are inseparably linked together ([John 14:15](#)). My love for Him is evident in my thoughts, intents and desires, as well as in my actions, habits and interactions. Christianity is about the "do's" and not just the "don'ts"! My love for God should overflow any measurement in how much I do for Him!

~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
07/01	C. Sullins	J. Wilson	07/29	D. Mendoza	C. Sullins
07/08	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	08/05	L. Moore	J. Wilson
07/15	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	08/12	C. Sullins	H. Jones
07/22	H. Jones	L. Moore	08/19	L. Moore	D. Mendoza

N F M S N I K S E N I W G H A	All the land, Bad sandals, Bags, Community, Couldn't fight, Deceived, Donkeys, Elders, Far away, God's altar, Heard about God, Hot bread, Inhabitants, Israelites, Kiriath-jearim, Leaders, Lied, Lord, Moldy bread, Neighbors, Oath, Peace, Pleaded, Princes, Rich, Saved, Torn clothes, Treaty, Water carriers, Wineskins, Wood cutters -----
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Door Access			
May	Joe Wilson	Sep	Darrell Mc Laughlin
Jun	Gary Keever	Oct	Danny Mendoza
Jul	Chase Sullins	Nov	Harvey Jones
Aug	Larry Moore	Dec	Vern Engelke

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 Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm
Minister: Chase Sullins