Fishing vs Hunting

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1 Fishing First in Your Own Pond

- When I ask people to put together a prospect list, I tell them that there's only really two qualifications.
- Number one, you want them to go to heaven, and number two, they currently don't know the Lord.
- Write that person or person's name down. And I want you to start praying for them.
- The most impactful thing you can do is to start first and foremost fishing in your own pond.

2 Think Like the Fish in Your Pond

1 Corinthians 9:20–23

- I become all things to all men that by all possible means I might save some.
- What are their interests? What are their needs? What are their hurts?
- Somebody said 90% of evangelism is the art of asking the right questions. And I might add, then listening intently to the answer.
- People don't care how much you know until they first know that you truly care.
- And at some point, I like to ask people if you were to die tonight, do you think you'd go to heaven?

3 Fish Get Hungry at Different Times

Colossians 4:5–6; Luke 8; 1 Corinthians 3:6–7

- Please remember that fish get hungry at different times.
- Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders. This is a verse that tells us how to talk to non-believers. Make the most of every opportunity.
- Look around at the people you meet or that you know, and just ask yourself how receptive, how open are they to the good news at this particular time?
- The key in effective evangelism is realizing where the people in your life are at.
- That's what God's going to judge us on, not our results, but on our faithfulness.

4 Building a Friendship Bridge

Proverbs 16:9; John 6:44

- First of all, become aware of the unbelievers God has placed in your life.
- Good friendships are usually intentional rather than accidental.
- Step number two, commit to prayer. Pray for these people regularly. Pray that God will draw them to Himself.
- And show you care. Again, reach out to these people and be a good listener.
- And step four, be ready to share when the time comes and use crisis situations to show why we all need God.

5 What Can Each Christian Do?

- Let me suggest the first thing you can do is to be more prospect conscious.
- Lift up your eyes and look into the fields for they're white into the harvest.
- And listen and pray for at least three unbelievers on a regular basis.
- I hope you'll commit to learn the big picture.
- Start using these invitation cards. I call them these Lord's Business Cards, where you use them to invite others to hear the big picture presentation of the gospel.
- You can give someone a copy of the muscle and a shovel.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So, what will you live the rest of your life for? Who will be in heaven because of you?**

MY NOTES