

GO FISH

Because Of What's On The Line

LESSON 5 – MUDDY WATER

*"For God so **loved** the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever **believes in** him shall not perish but **have** eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." **John 3:16-17 (NIV)***

One of the biggest challenges of sharing Jesus with a non-believer is navigating through the complexities of Christian theology. In fact, maybe you've shied away from fishing because you weren't confident of your ability to explain all the elements of the doctrine of salvation. Even if you understand that man is born into sin and why bad things happen to good people, and how God predestined certain events... that doesn't mean you can explain it all to somebody who's never heard it.

1. Unless we are able to articulate the message of Jesus clearly and effectively, our efforts to be fishers of men will be hindered.
2. Few Christians are skilled at making a simple presentation of the gospel. Often, we overcomplicate it.
3. Becoming a Christian, is not about:
 - A. Attending Church
 - B. Getting your Life together or Straighten Up your life
 - C. Praying a Prayer
 - D. Commitment to God
4. To become a Christian, a person needs to know that:
 - A. God so loved.
 - B. God gave His son.
5. To become a Christian, a person needs to do what?
 - A. Need to believe in the work of Jesus. We need to trust in Him.
 - B. Then, we have/receive the gift of eternal life.

Eternal life is not the promise of living forever. Eternal life is not that now because I'm a Christian I'm going to live forever. Everybody lives forever somewhere, and that's the reason why Jesus came into the world.