



## CONNECT

Connecting People to **LIFE** in Christ

**Scripture:** John 10:1-18

**Summary:** Jesus was sent by His Father and Jesus sends those who believe in Him. Our church has been sent on mission. Every believer is being sent on mission. Every day on mission. Everywhere on mission. The ultimate mission is to connect people to life in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me” (John 14:6). There are many ways to connect people to life in Christ, but there is only one Jesus.

### **Amplifying Hope Across the Coast by Connecting People to Life in Jesus**

#### **John 10:1-18**

There is a thief and a robber who comes only to steal and kill and destroy!  
There is a good shepherd who comes only to give life and life abundant!

*MSG* ~ Real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of

*NIV* ~ Life and have it to the full

*NLT* ~ A rich and satisfying life

The sheep who belong to the good shepherd know his voice.  
The good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.

The only way to have life is to have Jesus.

- Do you have a relationship with Jesus?

- Are you following Jesus? How do you know? What evidence do you have?

- **Where did grace lead?**
- **Who heard the story?**
- **How did I worship?**
- **What did I sacrifice?**
- **When did iron sharpen?**

Where is Jesus leading you?

Jesus will lead you to connect people to life found only in him.

- Ask Him to
- Allow Him to
- Expect Him to

There are many ways to connect people to Christ.

But there is only one Jesus.

Find your way!!!

1. Invitation (Inviting others to worship and Bible study or a Christian Concert, lunch or coffee)
2. Teaching (Life group or a small group Bible study - A discipleship group)
3. Sharing (Telling your story to others. Offering words of praise. Praying for someone)
4. Online (Reposting scripture, sharing posts, offering links)
5. Caring ( Helping people and offering prayer and words of testimony)
6. Visiting (In homes, hospitals and even prison)
7. Asking good questions (“Have you ever thought about what happens after this life?” “What do you believe about God?” “Do you ever read or study the Bible”)
8. Casual, Personal, Meaningful, Spiritual, Gospel (DiscipleFIRST)

## **Life Application Sermon Guide**

1. Who shared their faith story with you? Who led you to connect to life in Jesus? Tell the story.
2. Have you ever had a bad experience sharing your faith story with someone? What happened? What lessons did you learn? How have you applied those lessons?

3. Have you ever had a great experience sharing your faith story with someone? What happened? What lessons did you learn? Are you applying those lessons?
4. How many ways are there to lead someone to surrender control of their life to Jesus? What ways have you used? What way might you try next week?
5. Asking questions or starting casual conversation is not difficult. Be prepared for where you would like to take a conversation once communication has been established. Casual to personal is not difficult and moving to meaningful takes practice but shifting to spiritual and then focusing on Jesus takes the Holy Spirit. What role have you allowed the Holy Spirit to have in your life?
6. If you are interested in living on mission, every day, every where, by connecting others to life in Jesus, please email Pastor Jimmy at [pastor@fbcgulfport.org](mailto:pastor@fbcgulfport.org) or Pastor Eric at [esmith@fbcgulfport.org](mailto:esmith@fbcgulfport.org).
7. PRAY: Ask the Lord to guide you into spiritual conversations with people who are not connected to life in Jesus. Ask the Lord to use you to connect people to life in him!