



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Evening Series (Part 1 of 5) by Ray Reynolds on April 23, 2017

Introduction: One of the most important aspects of our Christian faith is learning to become a true disciple of Jesus. We are called to be fishers of men (**Matthew 4:19**). What does that mean? I believe it means that we need to develop a passion for winning souls. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. What Is Soul Winning?

- S = Souls are precious (**I Peter 1:8-12**).
- O = Obedience to the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:18-20**).
- U = Understanding the seriousness of Judgment (**I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11**).
- L = Lost individuals are pursued (**II Peter 3:8-10**).

- W = Willingly following the pattern of Jesus (**Luke 19:10**).
- I = Increased emphasis on spirituality (**II Peter 3:18**).
- N = New contacts are made (**Acts 17:32-24**).
- N = New members are actively involved (**Acts 9:1-32**).
- I = Individual responsibility and accountability (**Hebrews 9:27**).
- N = Never give up on the weak or fallen (**Luke 15:1-7**).
- G = Growth comes naturally: numerical/spiritual (**Acts 2:47, 9:31, 16:5**).

II. Why Should We Have A Passion For Soul Winning?

- We should have a sensitivity for lost souls.
Matthew 9:35-36, 14:14, 15:32, Luke 19:10
- We should have a strong fear of the Lord.
Matthew 10:28, Mark 9:43-48, 16:15-16, Luke 23:34
- We should have a self-less love for the Lord & others.
John 13:34-35, 14:21, 23, 15:9, 17:26, I John 4:12
- We should have a sense of purpose in life.
John 4:27, 34, 5:30, 36, 6:38, 17:4, 19:28-30
- We should have a satisfied & joyful heart.
Philippians 4:4, Hebrews 12:1-2, Revelation 7:13-17, 21:1-7

Conclusion: This lesson will begin a series of lessons on this essential topic. We need to learn not only about the importance of soul winning, but also the methods we can use to be effective in evangelism. Are you confident in your own salvation? Are you ready to share your story with others? Let's all become fishers of men and follow the Great Commission. Let's shine our light. Let's be passionate about winning souls!