

January 8th, Bad News, Good News
Part 2 in the series 'First Things First'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

In what ways is this world like a sinking ship?

Read 1 John 2:15-17

“**15** Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17** The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

How can we avoid going down with the ship?

There is plenty of room in the “lifeboat” (kingdom of God). Why do people still perish without God?

If God is loving, why doesn't He just save everybody?

A great ____ to the great ____ and the great ____ results in a great ____.

What is the difference between fishing for people and keeping an aquarium?

How does Jesus feel about those who are lost?

Read Luke 15:3-7

“**3** Then Jesus told them this parable: **4** ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” **7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.’”

How can we, as a church, model Jesus' attitude toward those who are lost?

What does it mean for us to be a “dangerous” church?

What did you think of Jim's story about the Lifesaving Society?