



(SLIDE #1) COME AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND!

Introduction:

- A. **(Slide #2)** This Week Our VBS -- “Discovery -- Finding Something Special!”
 - 1. **(Slide #3)** VBS is tomorrow (Monday) - Thursday.
 - 2. 6:30 PM - 8 PM.

- B. Come And See What You Can Find!

I. (Slide #4) Find God!

- A. Paul’s Advice To The Religious Idolaters In Athens: Ac. 17:22-29 “Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, ‘Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.”

- B. Rom. 1:19,20 “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

- C. See His AMAZING Works -- In Creation And In His Providence!

1. Ps. 66:5 “Come and see the works of God; *He is awesome in His* doing toward the sons of men.”
2. See the creative genius; be in AWE of the intricacy in the universe, all around us, and in our bodies!
3. Learn about God -- Let your heart be DEEPLY Touched -- “How Great Thou Art!”

D. Come And Find God!

II. (Slide #5) Find God’s Wise Words!

A. Search The Word!

B. Find Acceptable Words!

1. Ecc. 12:10-14 “The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and *what was* written *was* upright--words of truth. ¹¹The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. ¹²And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books *there is* no end, and much study *is* wearisome to the flesh. ¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. ¹⁴For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”
2. You will find Truth!

C. You Will Find Good!

1. Pr. 16:20 “He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy *is* he.”
2. Pr. 19:8 “He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.”

D. You Will Find Favor With God!

1. Pr. 3:3,4 “My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; ²For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. ³Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, ⁴And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man.”
2. What a WONDERFUL position!

- E. It Is AMAZING The More Your Read And Study, The More You Learn ALL OF YOUR LIFE!
 - 1. Learn about the AWESOME plans of the Godhead for salvation!
 - 2. Learn about Their authority and expectations -- blessings if we respect them; punishment if we ignore, disrespect, or disobey them!

- F. Come And Find God's Wise Words!

III. (Slide #6) Find Christ!

- A. Jn. 1:45,46 "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' ⁴⁶And Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'"

- B. We Need To Find Christ Ourselves!

- C. We, Like Philip Need To Say To Our Brothers, Our Parents, Our Families, Our Friends, And Our Acquaintances, "Come And See!" "Come And Find Jesus!"

- D. "I Stand Amazed" In The Being That Jesus Is -- Member Of The Godhead, Creator, And Savior!
 - 1. Be touched by His unfathomable sacrifices!

 - 2. Be in AWE of His love that led Him to willingly die on the Cross!

- E. Come And Find Jesus!

IV. (Slide #7) Find Life!

- A. Mt. 10:38,39 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."

- B. Jn. 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

- C. John 6:35 “And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.’”
- D. I Jn. 5:11,12 “And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”
- E. I Jn. 2:25 “And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.”
- F. Come And Find Life!

V. (Slide #8) Find Your Prayers Answered!

- A. Heb. 4:16 “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
- B. Jer. 29:12-14 “Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.”
 - 1. Jeremiah has prophesied that Judah will be in Babylonian Captivity for 70 years.
 - 2. He tells them that if they seek Him they will find Him when they do so with their WHOLE heart!
- C. What A Privilege -- God Answers The Prayers Of Believers! Jn. 9:31; I Pet. 3:12
- D. Come And Find Your Prayers Answered!

VI. (Slide #9) Find Comfort And Rest!

- A. Ps. 119:76 “Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.”

- B. Mt. 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

- C. Col. 3:15 “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

- D. When You Are Mistreated Or When Serving God Is Not Easy, Read II Corinthians!
 1. II Cor. 1:3,4 “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

 2. Even as Paul was being attacked and lied about, he said, “Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.” II Cor 7:4

- E. Brethren Can Be SUCH A COMFORT -- Fellowship Is SO Precious!
 1. Phil. 2:1,2 “Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ²fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.”

 2. I Thess. 5:11 “Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.”

 3. Eph. 4:3 “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

- F. Open Up Your Heart To Christ And Your Brethren!

- G. Come And Find Comfort And Rest!

VIII.(Slide #10) Find A Wise Mate!

A. Husbands And Wives Who Follow Christ's Guidance Have Precious Relationships And A Precious Home!

1. Eph. 5:22-28 "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself."
2. I Cor. 7:3 "Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband."

B. A Godly Wife Is SUCH A Blessing!

1. Pr. 12:4 "An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband."
2. Pr. 31:10 "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth *is* far above rubies."

C. Come And Find A WISE Mate!

IX. (Slide #11) Find God Again Through Repentance!

A. Deut. 4:29 "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

B. If Israel disobeyed, God would send them into Captivity. However, if they repented, they could find Him if they sought Him with their WHOLE heart!

C. I Jn. 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

D. Christians, If You Need Forgiveness, Come And Find God Again Through Repentance!

(Slide #12) Invitation:

- A. Remember VBS This Week -- “Discovery -- Finding Something Special!”
 - 1. “Come And See!”
 - 2. **(Slide #13)** Remember our Adult Summer Series discussing the theme of “Decisions And Consequences” on Wednesday evenings -- Steve Dalp did an excellent job in presenting the first lesson Wednesday evening!
 - 3. Invite your friends to “Come And See!”

- B. **(Slide #14)** In The Words Of Jesus And Philip, “Come And See What You Can Find!”