

NOW WE'RE COOKING!

SCRIPTURE:

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. (Revelation 3:15-16)

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) fish fryer
- (1) bag of breaded fish
- (1) peanut oil
- (1) candy thermometer

MAIN MESSAGE:

Becoming a Christian means that we must give our whole life to serving God; however, keeping the fire that we are to have isn't always easy. The world can enter and turn us lukewarm. We must never allow ourselves to become accepting with being anything other than on fire for Him!

SONG: "Light the Fire"

LESSON:

There is nothing like a nice family fishing outing. Being outside with family, enjoying God's creation, and catching fish. Another great part of it is being able to eat and enjoy the fish you've hauled in. To be able to eat the fish, you must first cook them. This can be the tricky part.

I have learned from trial and error that there are certain things you must know when cooking fish. The first thing you must know is that you need to cook it outside so your entire house doesn't smell like fried fish for days. Secondly, you need to use peanut oil because it doesn't burn and keeps its temperature up very well. Finally, and maybe most importantly, you need a candy thermometer. The thermometer will gauge the heat of the oil. You need to keep the oil very hot or it will not produce the results you want. Most fish that is fried needs to be in oil that is 350-400 degrees. If the oil is cold or warm it will produce greasy fish that isn't tasty. You'll likely take a nice bite of it and spit it out. No amount of tartar sauce is going to fix the taste.

This ties in very nicely to how we need to live for God. We need to be on fire for Him! We cannot be lukewarm Christians. In fact, I believe that is an oxymoron! An oxymoron is when two words are used together but contradict each other. Lukewarm and Christian are contradictory! I would also add it isn't as easy to get something from cold to lukewarm. Usually, when something is lukewarm it is because it was hot at one point and some of the heat escaped. Christians, let's keep the fire burning strong and make it a goal to never become lukewarm.

PRAYER: Help us to recognize when our fire is weakening so that we may fan our flame with Your word.