I. Introduction.

   A. Jesus Christ was born to die for our sins. (Mark 9)

   B. Peter was guilty of blasphemy placing Jesus alongside Moses and Elijah—Jesus is light years beyond any other religious person because He died for our sins.

   C. Jesus is the author of anything spiritual. (II Corinthians 5:17)

   D. Christ is at the center of the obedient Christian life.

II. The Christian life.

   A. Christ is the center.

   B. Prayer, obedience, the Word and fellowship are the hands reaching out.

III. By every criterion there is we belong to God—by design, by creation, by indwelling. (I Corinthians 6:19-20, Genesis 1:21, Psalm 100:3)

   A. We must not presume to use for ourselves that which belongs to God.

   B. We must say goodbye to self.

   C. Honor God with whatever you have because we belong to the Lord. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

IV. High fidelity is a mark of following the Lord. (Luke 9:23, Revelation 14:4)

   A. Fidelity means to go in the direction God wants us to go in.

   B. Our lives must be available to Him to use.

V. All of life is a tradeoff. (John 3:30)

   A. If you want more of one thing, you have to take less of something else.

   B. We must abstain from certain things so that Christ can increase.

   C. We must follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. (John 10:4-5)

Application questions:

1. How can it be said that we belong to God in every way? What should our response be to this?
2. What is high fidelity? How does this look like in relationship to God?

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3. Memorize John 3:30 and write it below. What impact does this verse have on making Christ the center?

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