I. Fire - Beneficial and Destructive  
   A. Benefits of fire:  
      1. **Light** - Provides light for direction  
      2. **Heat** - Provides heat to stay warm in the cold or serves as a purifier to add value  
   B. **Destructive** - Heat of a fire can destroy or consume something  
   C. **Types of Fires:**  
      1. Controlled or Contained Fires (burns)  
      2. Wildfires - A sweeping and destructive fire especially in a wilderness or a rural area.  
   D. “Fire Triangle” - 3 components to Wild fires  
      1. **Heat Source** - Sun, lightening, match;  
      2. **Fuel** - Grasses, Trees, leaves, debris, etc.  
      3. **Oxygen** - Through wind more oxygen is supplied and may help spread the flames.  

II. **Heat Source** - Source of our fire  
   A. **Matt 3:11-12**  
      1. **Baptize** - baptizo - To immerse, to dip in completely or under; overwhelm or flood  
      2. **Repentance** - metanoia - To change one’s way of life as a result of a complete change of thought and attitude.  
         a) **meta** - In the middle of  
         b) **noeo** - To direct one’s mind to; to think or reason  
      3. **Holy Spirit** - pneuma - Current of air; breath, wind, spirit  
      4. **Fire** - pyr - Fire in its forms and uses; e.g., for lighting and heating.  
   B. **Purpose of God baptizing or immersing us in FIRE?**  
      1. **Light** - Direction - To see our way out of darkness  
         a) **Mic 7:8** 8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The Lord will be a light to me.  
         b) **Matt 5:14-16** - You are the light of the world  
      2. **Heat** - Value  
         a) **1 Peter 1:7** - Faith tested by fire  
   C. 2018 NY Times: “Behind Most Wildfires, a Person and a Spark: ‘We Bring Fire With Us’”
1. Jennifer K. Balch, a professor of geography at the University of Colorado at Boulder who has studied the human causes of wildfires said, “We almost forget it, but wherever people go we bring fire with us.”

III. APPLICATION

A. Which fire are you bringing with you?
B. Will you allow Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire?
C. He wants to provide LIGHT to give you DIRECTION and HEAT to give you VALUE
D. Will you use your fire to provide DIRECTION AND VALUE to others?
E. You are a fire starter, you are an initiator, you are an igniter! Go start a fire!