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Don't Get Caught Up "S" Creek Without an Investment Plan

## **Today's Discussion**



- Setting the Stage
- Economic Update
- Investment Considerations
- Panel Discussion



### **Current Market**



#### Promising

- Economic growth
- Potential higher rates
- Infrastructure plans

#### Concerns

- Higher inflation
- Job markets
- Tax reform



## **Help Wanted**



Note: Seasonally adjusted Source: Labor Department



## **Gone Fishing**

#### Share of U.S. population retired





#### **Price Pressure**





## **History of Interest Rates**

#### Chart 2: Price of money remains at 5000 year lows

Interest rates since 3000BC



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bank of England, Global Financial Data, Homer and Sylla "A History of Interest Rates" (2005) BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH



### **Slightly Better Rates**



Source: Bloomberg 11.12.2021



# **Higher Rates Ahead?**

#### Market-based probability the Federal Reserve will raise its benchmark interest rate at or before its July 2022 meeting





## **Market Considerations**

- Cash rich environment
  - Corporate/business
  - Government stimulus
- Supply of bonds is low
  - More cash chasing less bonds
  - Shift in funding
- Pay attention to market and Fed Speak
  - Market changing daily





# **Investing Thoughts**

- Know your cash flows and ARP Fund spending
- Investment viewpoint:
  - Stay disciplined
  - Don't reach for yield!
  - Be mindful of maturity risk as rates may rise
  - Step bonds and teaser rates
  - UNDERSTAND what you buy





#### Resources

- Wall Street Journal
  - <u>www.wsj.com</u>
- Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
  - www.clevelandfed.org
- Ohio Office of Budget and Management
  - <u>www.obm.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/obm/areas-of-</u> interest/budget-and-planning/monthly-financialreports/monthly-financial-reports









#### **Panel Discussion**



# Do not be this person!





# **Thank You!**

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