

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

CALL THE FIRST WITNESS!

John 1:6-13, 19-34

Main Thought: God's witness to His Son, the true light, demands your verdict of faith in Him.

1. GOD HAS GIVEN ADEQUATE _____ TO HIS SON. (vv 6-9, 19-34)

1) John the Baptist came to bear witness to the light so that all might _____ through him. (vv 6-8, 19-34)

- (1) He is not the _____, Elijah, or the Prophet.
- (2) He is the _____ of one calling in the desert.
- (3) He saw himself as a lowly _____ of Jesus.
- (3) He bears witness that Jesus is the _____ of God.

2) As the true light, _____ gives witness to who He is. (v 9)

2. THE WITNESS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN REGARDING HIS SON DEMANDS A _____. (vv 10-13)

1) Some reject _____ witness regarding the true light. (vv 10-11)

2) Others received God's witness to Jesus by _____ in His name. (vv 12-13)

- (1) Those who receive Jesus and believe in His name, become _____ of God.
- (2) Those who believe in Jesus are _____ of God, not from human power or will.

3) What's _____ verdict?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 1:6-13, 19-34 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. Who was the man who was sent by God, whose name was John? (v 6) What do you learn about him from Matthew 3:1-12?

3. What was his role? (v 7) What does it mean to be a witness?

4. What wasn't his role? Who did he say he wasn't in regard to the religious leaders' questions? Why did they think he might have been those people?

5. Why were the religious leaders concerned about John baptizing people?

6. How does John define his purpose? (vv 23-26)

7. Jesus is described in this passage as "the true light that gives light to every man." What does that mean? How does He provide "true light"?

8. Why didn't the people in the world He created recognize Him and receive Him? Why do people reject Jesus today in your opinion?

9. Who were His own people? Why did they reject Him?

10. How does a person receive Jesus? How does the process work? What is the new state of a person who has believed in Jesus? (vv 12-13)

11. Read Acts 1:8. What does that verse say about our role as followers of Christ? How will you be a witness for Him this week?