

Sermon Outline & Study Guide

Week of October 5, 2008

Reading Through This Week's Passage
Spend time as a group reading the passage from
1 Kings 8:22-53

"Rescued. Nicodemus"



Nicodemus

John 3:1-21

Transformation Brings...

- 1) New Birth (v. 3)
- 2) Conviction (v. 12, 15, 16)
- 3) Acceptance (v. 17)
- 4) A Covering (v. 20-21)

Application Steps

Application Step #1

How would you finish this statement? My transformation through Jesus brought me _____ !

If you can not finish this statement because you have not experienced transformation, ask yourself these questions:

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?

Do you believe He died on the cross for you to take away your wrongs (sins) against God?

Do you believe Jesus was raised from the dead by God?

We believe that people's lives can be "changed" by a dramatic event, traumatic news, or an enticing culture. But, the only kind of change that allows a person to have a relationship with God the Father is through the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel is this: Christ died for our sins and He was raised to life three days later. If you answered yes to the three questions above, pray to God this prayer: "God forgive me of my sins, I accept Jesus as my Lord because He died to rescue me from my sins." If you believe these things and are sorry that you are why Jesus had to die for you, you too are now transformed!

Application Step #2

Currently, what attribute of Jesus are you trying to acquire, grow in, for your life?

Application Step #3

Since transformation through Jesus has brought you _____, how does it motivate you to share this TRUTH with the world around you?

Next Steps

Each time we hear from Jesus it is important to pray about how He wants us to apply the lesson to our lives. Spend time this week observing, interpreting, and practicing the lessons you learned today. May God bless your continued journey with Him this week.

Observe - Spend time this week looking over John 15:8-11, 14. As you study this passage ask: What does it say? (who, what, when, where, why, how) Who are the main characters and how are they described? What is happening? Why is this story told?

Interpret - What does it mean? Raise appropriate questions and draw conclusions about the meaning of the text.

Apply - Look at the four reflective questions above and answer each one, responding to the question: "What does it mean to me?"

Share - How are you sharing what you are learning to your spouse, children, siblings, co-workers, friends, etc.?

Sharing what you are learning with others around you will accomplish two things: 1) You are discipling your family and friends. 2) You may be sharing the good news of Jesus to those who do not have a relationship with Him.