



Walking In The Light - Discussion Guide #4 for 5/14/17 Sermon

INTRODUCTION - I John 2:29-3:10

If you are a parent, describe what it was like for you when you brought your first baby home from the hospital, or adopted a baby into your family for the very first time. How did that day go? What sensations did you feel? As a follower of Christ, that is exactly how God feels about you. Followers of Christ have been born again, anew. It isn't a do-over - it is a re-birth, a fresh start. And as we are born again, we have an entirely new identity in Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you remember as a kid, what you said you wanted to be when you grew up? Did that dream come true? How did that dream change in High School or in College. What did you end up becoming career-wise? Did that surprise you? How did that change in career path come about?

What are the things that were/are true of Christ, that you would like to become more true of you as you become like Christ in your growth and appearance? Do you ever dream about the Christian you wish you could become? If no barriers were in the way, describe the kind of Christian you would wish to be?

Is there a marked physical family trait in your family of origin? [nose, ears, chin?] Children of God have family traits. How does John list or describe what those traits are?

Have you experienced change in your life whereby an old sin habit was finally put to rest, even to the point that it no longer tempts you or inclines you toward the wrong choice? Was there a process involved that led to that change?

Do a self-check – who are the 5 people you spend the most time with? Where are they spiritually, in their similarity to Christ? Could you seek out at least 1 or 2, maybe 3 people who are spiritually further along than you, and ask them to spend time with you in a scheduled way over the next few months?

Spend time with Christ – in prayer, in the Gospels, in worship, in obedience. He will affect and change you. As you do, people may begin to say, “You’re different now from what you were. You are more of what I think Jesus would have been like when here was here among us”.

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus made it possible for the children of God to begin reversing the rebellion in Eden and begin bringing humanity back to our full created potential. Jesus did not abandon his humanity upon his return to heaven. He is still fully God and fully one of us and always will be. And as we step from this existence to the next, we will come full circle, becoming everything it can mean to be human once again, magnificent in our humanity, carrying ourselves completely and totally like our Lord, our brother Christ. He became what we are, so that we can become what he is. We will be like Him because we will finally see Him just as He is.