

Lifted Up for All to Know
Sermon Based Discussion (March 24, 2013)
Sermon Series: Lifted Up

WARM UP

1. Describe a time when you were lost (as a kid or as an adult!). How did you end up finding your way?

Jesus promised his followers that they will never walk in darkness. In other words, they will never lack his guidance for what do to for Jesus.

Big promise. But this seems to fall short of the experience of many Christians who wonder, "What does Jesus want me to do in this situation of my life?"

In this session, Jesus addresses how we can follow his light more clearly in our daily lives.

INTO THE BIBLE (John 8:12-30)

2. What does Jesus mean by the phrase "I am the light of the world..."? (You can also look up Isaiah 9:1-2 for historical context.)

3. What were the Jews' reasons to question Jesus' claim?

4. What did Jesus say to defend his claim?

UNDERSTANDING

5. How does looking at Jesus lifted upon a cross help people know and believe that Jesus is who he said he was: Savior and Lord.
6. In the sermon, Enoch pointed out that we must believe Jesus' claim to be God because, as God, Jesus cannot appeal to a higher authority to support his claim. (Though he does point to the authority of his Heavenly Father!) Do you agree with this point or not?

DIFFERENCE

Enoch made the following point in the message: we will never hear what Jesus wants us to do as clearly as when we first say, "Jesus, I'll do whatever you want me to."

7. Why would this attitude help someone follow Jesus' light more fully?

8. What is an area of your life in which God is calling you to say, "Jesus, I will do whatever you want me to do."?

APPLICATION

9. Will you pray this prayer daily for the next 7 days: "Jesus, I will do whatever you want me to do." And then come back and share what we think Jesus wants us to do in our areas of struggle?

FOR REFLECTION

Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

(John 8:12, ESV)