



February 9, 2020
SERMON NOTES
Hebrews 12:1-3

Welcome to
Wonderland
"CENTER OF THE WORLD"

I. Frame of reference

- A. We _____ because our frame of reference doesn't provide us with all the answers.
- B. All of us have a frame of reference that helps us make sense out of _____ and helps us make decisions that make sense.
- C. Sometimes wondering can lead to _____.
- D. Every season of our life, our frame of reference _____.

II. Christian frame of reference

- A. Christians believe that God sent someone to be a point of _____.
- B. The writer of Hebrews says that since God sent Jesus, we should hold firmly to the _____ we profess.
- C. There's a frame of reference that allows us to know who _____ is and how we're to live our lives in spite of what we know or don't know scientifically. (fix our eyes on Jesus)
- D. People can walk away from a religious frame of reference if they fix their eyes on something or someone other than _____.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

We wonder because our frames of reference don't provide us with all the answers. As your frame of reference changes or expands, some mysteries are solved. Some remain mysterious. So what do you do with the big mysteries in life – the mysteries that don't resolve no matter how much you explore them? What do you do with your unanswered questions?

Monday: Matthew 26:26-28

From this one scripture passage come many different understandings of communion. United Methodists believe that Christ is present in some way during communion but how He is present remains a mystery. This is one of many theological mysteries. So what do you wonder? What is something you used to wonder about but don't anymore. In what way did your frame of reference change to resolve what once seemed mysterious?

Tuesday: I Corinthians 9:20-23

Paul didn't condemn people for their beliefs, he tried to find a connection with them in order to share his faith. Is there someone you know that thinks their frame of reference for making sense of the world is correct, but you don't agree? How do you respond to that person? To what extent does that relationship cause you to reexamine your own assumptions?

Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells us that our focus should be on Christ. That is the frame of reference by which we should live our lives. What kind of framework for making sense of the world did you grow up with – religious, academic, scientific, moralistic, or something else? How did that framework shape your view of the world?

Thursday: I Corinthians 3:1-9

Paul is concerned that some people in the church in Corinth are focused on church leaders and not focusing on Christ. Was there ever a time in your life when your faith was fixed on a pastor/priest, church, experience, circumstances or the Bible? If so, what happened?

Friday Hebrews 12:1-3

Do you need to examine your current frame of reference? What is one thing you can do this week to fix your eyes on Jesus?

MOVING FORWARD

When it comes to faith, if you wondered and then wandered, here's something to ponder: perhaps your eyes were fixed on the wrong thing or person. What was the faith you lost fixed on and fastened to? Chances are it wasn't Jesus. Remember: God showed up on our side of the frame to serve as your frame of reference.

Answers to the sermon notes:

IA) wonder, B) life, C) wandering, D) changes.
IIA) reference, B) faith, C) God, D) Jesus.