



February 16, 2020
SERMON NOTES
John 14:6-7

Welcome to
Wonderland
"SHOW AND TELL"

Introduction/Review

- A. We _____ because our frame of reference doesn't provide us with all the answers.
- B. Christians believe that God sent someone as a point of _____.
- C. People _____ the faith because their experiences don't add up to the version of faith that they were raised on.

I. The way, the truth, and the life

- A. Jesus says if you believe in God then you can believe in _____.
- B. Jesus says you know what _____ is like because you know me.
- C. It's highly unlikely that an author would invent or create an embarrassing _____ about himself, or herself. (The Criterion of Embarrassment)

II. No need to wonder

- A. Jesus is saying "your heavenly Father wants you to see; that's why he _____ me."
- B. Jesus is saying "If you look past me, stop short of me, or take your eyes off of me, you may miss the _____."
- C. God sent Jesus to stand with us so we would not have to wonder where we _____ with Him.

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 of the answers. Every version of religion works for children. But then life happens. We experience challenging circumstances that sow doubt in our childhood faith. Tragedy causes us to question if God is good and loving. Sin leads to guilt and shame. We wonder if God can really love us. Is there such a thing as a frame of reference that can accommodate a grown-up faith?

Monday: 2 Timothy 1:3-5

According to the New Testament, Lois was the grandmother of Timothy. According to extra-biblical tradition, she was born into the Jewish faith, and later accepted Christianity along with her daughter Eunice. Timothy was then taught the faith by his mother and grandmother.

Was faith important in your life growing up? To what extent did those childhood experiences influence your adult faith?

Tuesday: Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jeremiah reminds us that we are blessed if we trust in the Lord and have confidence in Him.

In what ways do you tend to live your life through the window of your own insecurity? How might your life be different if you were completely confident in God's love for you?

Wednesday: John 14:1-11

In what ways does your adult frame of reference cause you to struggle to accept Jesus' promises in this passage?

Thursday: John 3:16-21

During the message, Eric said that God sent Jesus to stand with us so we wouldn't wonder where we stood with Him. Does your relationship with Jesus leave you assured of where you stand with God? Why or why not?

Friday Colossians 3:1-4

On what is your faith currently fixed – your circumstances, the Bible, keeping rules? How do you think that might limit the depth and riches of your relationship with God?

MOVING FORWARD

If you lost faith, what was the faith fixed on or fastened to? A church that dismissed science or mislabeled people? Religious rule keeping? A version of God that would not let bad things happen to good people? Don't abandon faith because you once used the wrong frame of reference. Instead, fix your eyes on Jesus.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) wonder, B) reference, C) leave.

IIA) me, B) God, C) account.

IIIA) sent, B) Father, C) stood.