



Asbury Church

September 22, 2019
Sermon Notes
"Audience of One"
John 3:26-31



I. Introduction/review

- A. Pride shuts you in, and shuts God and _____ out.
- B. To keep our pride in check, we must remember that "The Most High dominates human kingship, giving it to _____ he wants."
- C. We all have an appetite to be _____.
- D. There is no amount of "known" that will _____ your appetite to be known.

II. Lessons from John the Baptist

- A. John the Baptist is the first person we know in history that actually _____ another person.
- B. John said "I have attracted people to _____ so that I can point in the direction of Him."
- C. Some of John's followers left John and began to follow _____.
- D. John said "everything _____ comes from my Heavenly Father."
- E. John said "I'm only known to make him _____."

III. Surviving our appetite to be known

- A. Remember who it's _____, and who it's for.
- B. Our known is for His _____.
- C. Our focus every single day should be on an audience of _____.

Things I would like to remember about this message

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

We all want to be friended, followed, linked, and mentioned. We all want to be recognized, admired, sought after, and envied. We hunger for approval. We want applause. We want to be known. But what do you do when there is no amount of “known” that will satisfy your appetite?

Monday: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus “cleansed” ten lepers. When the Samaritan returned to say, “thank you,” Jesus used a stronger word that can even mean “saved,” saying, “Your faith has healed you” (verse 19). Pastor Bruce Larsen wrote, “The other nine were merely cleansed. If ingratitude is more deadly than leprosy, they were in worse shape than before. Only one came back and was made whole.” What blocks gratitude in your life? What can you do to be more grateful and less arrogant?

Tuesday: Joshua 4:6-7

Leaving a legacy involves far more than handing down a monetary inheritance or passing on a good family name. For those things will surely pass away and forever be forgotten. At the end of your life, what would you most like to be known for? Why do you want to be known for that thing?

Wednesday: John 3:26-31

In what ways do you need to “become less” so Jesus can “become greater” in your life? What are some obstacles to that happening?

Thursday: Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus says that we should seek first the kingdom of God (v.33). From what audience do you most hunger for applause—your friends, your spouse, your children, your parents, your boss, your peers? How does that hunger drive your behavior and decision making? What is one thing you can do this week to stop seeking the applause of other people and begin to listen to the applause of your heavenly Father?

Friday: 2 Samuel 11:27-12:13

King David had masterminded a series of appalling events. He committed adultery with a close friend's wife and got her pregnant. King David was too proud to admit what he needed to admit. But Nathan had the courage to tell him he was responsible and it led to David's repentance. Do you have a Nathan in your life that can help you identify pride in your life?

MOVING FORWARD

Work hard. Hone your craft. Broaden your influence. Build your career. Write great books. Move mountains. Change lives. But in the end, remember who it's from and who it's for. The applause of the One who knew you first, who knows you best, who gifted you and called you is the only applause that will matter. Your heavenly Father is the One you want to hear say, “Well done.”

Answers to the sermon notes:

IA) others, B) anyone, C) known, D) satisfy.
ILIA) baptized, B) me, C) Jesus, D) good, E) known.
ILIA) from, B) renown, C) one.