

ULC Sermon Study Resource
Come and See // Children of God
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What's a mannerism you've taken on from a parent?

Reading: John 1:9-13

Outline:

- I. The Center of History v.9-10
 - a. God as Christ has always been present, but remained hidden until coming to us as man
 - b. Everything the scriptures say to prepare us for Christ's coming builds up the one truth that remains steadfast and at the center of everything: Jesus as Christ
Q: How was Jesus the center of history?
- II. To Be Rejected v.11
 - a. Jesus being rejected by His own people was yet another reflection of the life we'll live by following Him
 - b. In spite of our fear, we must believe in the true version of Christ, rather than one that the world would more willingly accept
Q: How did Jesus's rejection define his position as Christ?
- III. Children of God v.12-13
 - a. Christ is the source to our right of being children of God
 - b. Everything Christ endured and sacrificed was to secure our right as heirs to eternal life through divine intervention
Q: How do we receive our right to the kingdom and eternal life?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) In what ways is Christ the center of your history?
- 2) Why do we feel the need to change Jesus to make him more acceptable to the world?
- 3) How can we cheapen the gift of grace when doing so?
- 4) How does our divine heritage fuel us to fight societal ideals that we've outgrown religion?
- 5) What hope does divine intervention give us in regards to our fears, exhaustion, and failed attempts at self justification?

Suggestions for further study:

- John 15:18-20 ***Q: How can Christ's experience on earth comfort and guide us?***
- 1 Peter 2:21 ***Q: How can we take on mannerisms from God our father? What are they?***

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, you have sent your Son for us and our salvation, so that we could be called your children. He was rejected, crucified, and resurrected for us, all so that we might be able to live as your children. So God we ask that as we hear, read, and reflect on your word, that your spirit would rest in us. That we would receive this promise in you. That we would be strengthened in our faith and in our trust of the promise that Christ has come for us. As we're strengthened in that, may we have the power to live as your children and be a reflection of your goodness and mercy. In Jesus' name, Amen.