

Eyes on Christ

Relevant Bible Verses: John 1

Message Notes:

- Through God all things were made. Not one thing exists without him. We are so intricately and phenomenally made. The world believes that our existence is a fluke of nature, not intelligent design, but we can see the design all around us, and within the complexity of ourselves.
- We are at a point where we need to keep our eyes on Jesus, because the world is not getting better. If we fail to do so, we will easily lose our faith because of the state of things around us.
- Jesus is the light of the world; without him the world is in darkness. *We* are the world, therefore Jesus is the light in us, in our darkness. We are not the light, we help spread the light which is Jesus.
- In western nations, Christians, and other people, are turning from God. We've had it so comfortable and good for so long that, as the Israelites did time and again after being extraordinarily blessed, we forget who gave us the blessing in the first place. The areas in the world, like China and the Middle East, where Christians are thriving are the areas that need the most hope. Jesus *is* hope.
- How many people stop to think about how much God is doing for us and providing for us, even now? The world does not understand Jesus Christ. They don't understand how we can follow him. They chose to believe in things that they can control, and God cannot be controlled.
- Faith is not what God can do for us, but what we can do for God, regardless of if we're sure about if it's from him or not, believing that he is in control of our lives.
- We are not born again due to an impulse, nor are we born again by the urge of someone who chose to testify to us. We are reborn by the *Spirit of God*, and him alone.
- There is no life outside of Jesus Christ. It's dark and lonely, and terrifying, and people who live in it will do anything to feel unafraid. They have no desire to hear from us, because the darkness is all they know. We need to have the courage to witness to them anyway, through our words and our actions, even if we fail to reach them. God is not surprised by our success or our failure, he is thrilled that we are willing to follow his direction.
- Today we need to submit our lives to Christ, remember the severity of this sacrifice, and see the things he's done for us, and is doing for us right now.