

Great Joy Get Together

August 31, 2014

Stick With It



I. ME

- A. The Great Minnesota Get Together!
- B. John 8 overview
 - He was trying to show them the father he said if you knew me you'd know the father but because they didn't receive Jesus they couldn't receive the father

John 8:31-32 (NKJV) ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32 (MSG) ³¹⁻³² Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. <u>Then</u> you will <u>experience</u> for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

• Live it out what I tell you + proving it out over time = A Disciple

II. JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

A. Jesus said I am the light of the world – He showing the way back to God

John 20:21 (NKJV) So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

B. God sent Jesus into the world as a light – and he sent us the same way

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV) ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who* are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- People will connect the dots back to God
- C. The city on a hill
 - What if we all lived like this was true?
 - What if we lived like we actually believed that we were light sent to darkness?

III. SO STICK WITH IT

Romans 8:31 (NKJV) 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:38-39 (NKJV) ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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2 Timothy 1:12-13 (NKJV) ¹² For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able

to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. ¹³ Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and