

Pain and pointing people to God John 3-4

John 3:22-36

Two truths about Eternal Life:

Eternal Life begins, not when we die, but **when we _____ Jesus** (New Birth) as our Forgiver and Leader

God's wrath (ultimately hell),
comes on those who _____ Jesus, not on the 'worst' sinners

Nothing reveals our character more than when we experience pain, loss, or our character is attacked

When under pressure:

- * _____ **what is**
- * _____ **Jesus' Call:** Point to and make Jesus greater
- * _____ **Eternity:** the pain does not last forever, God IS just...

John 4:1

4 Truths about our Mission

- i) Religious, cultural _____ do not stop our mission.
- ii) _____ (v. 6) does not stop our mission
- iii) God **wants** us to have influence with folk who don't yet know Him.
- iv) Influence comes from _____

Seven keys in pointing people to God

Key 1 Start with a simple _____
vv. 9-10

Key 2: if the door opens, take the conversation from casual to _____ (water vs Living Water)
vv.11-14

Key 3 Show and share the _____ Jesus makes
vv. 15-18

Key 4: Be truthful AND _____ in dealing with sin
*We can accept people without _____ sin
Two times when people are more open to God:
when they are under _____ (pain) and in **transition**
* don't rub the past in. Show hope for the future with Jesus!
*Help people see themselves as God sees them:
moving from guilt to _____
*Jesus doesn't _____ sin...He loves the sinner

vv. 19-21

Key 5 Don't get _____ with anything that isn't Jesus
Keep it (worship and conversation) focused on Jesus
vv. 22-24

Key 6 Stay focused on worshipping God, in spirit and truth, not ritual and _____
"in spirit" to have a heart that is following God and has a personal relationship with Jesus
"in truth" to worship God in a Biblically accurate way

vv. 25-26

Key 7 Don't claim to be the _____