**Pastor E’s Bible Study Notes**

**John 1:6-8**

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Tonight, we continue our verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of John. A keyword in the gospel of John is witness. Tonight, we see this word mentioned of John the Baptist three times. Let’s dig in.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

1. **JOHN WAS A MAN SENT FROM GOD**
   1. Who is the man talked about in this text? John the Baptist. Son of Elizabeth and Zacharias. Cousin of Jesus. Leaped in the womb of his mother at the salutation of Mary.
   2. This gospel goes beyond John’s natural heritage and speaks of his spiritual heritage.
   3. Just as John was sent from God at a particular time to a particular people for a particular purpose, so too have we!

WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD, LET US ADD TO OUR VOCABULARY THAT HE IS A SENDING GOD!

1. **JOHN’S PURPOSE WAS TO BE A WITNESS OF THE LIGHT**
   1. John came to bear witness. What does that mean? A witness is simply someone who has seen something. Bearing witness is simply sharing what has been seen.
   2. So too is it our purpose to bear witness. What are we to bear witness of? Those things that we have seen and experienced in Christ. What does it mean to bear false witness?
   3. The purpose of John’s witness was that “all might believe.”

FROM ABRAHAM UNTIL NOW, GOD’S PURPOSE HAS BEEN TO HAVE A CHOSEN PEOPLE TO BEAR WITNESS OF HIM TO THE WORLD.

1. **JOHN WAS NOT THE LIGHT** 
   1. Why does the writer include this declaration that John was not the Light?
   2. John the Baptist will declare this very thing on a few occasions. John 1:15,20,27. John 3:25-36
   3. What does this mean for us? It is our mission to point people to Christ and not ourselves. Celebrity preachers. Celebrity church culture.

WHEN FOLK ARE IMPRESSED BY WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN/THROUGH YOU BE SURE TO POINT THEM TO THE GOD THAT IS DOING IT.