

Reader's Outline

Loneliness

I. We are lonely because we are often surrounded by lost people.

A. "men loved darkness rather than light" (John 3:19)

B. "out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9)

II. We are lonely because we lack close relationships with other saved people.

A. "let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

B. "being knit together in love"
(Colossians 2:2)

C. "love one another, as I have
loved you." (John 15:12)

III. We are lonely because we stray
away from the fold.

A. Psalm 51:9-12, "restore unto me
the joy of my salvation."

B. Psalm 119:176, "I have gone
astray like a lost sheep...."

Loneliness

1. What is the difference between aloneness and loneliness?
2. Give several scriptures from the Psalms that show how the writer dealt with loneliness.
3. Give several scriptures that show the loneliness in Jesus' life.
4. The writer of Proverbs said, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." How do we develop strong Christian friendships?
5. The disciples were Jesus' friends. What did their friendship involve? How did they share in Jesus' life?
6. What is required of us if we are to be a friend of Jesus?

1. Aloneness can be by choice. Loneliness is when one is alone and wishes others were with her. Loneliness definitely involves the desire for companionship - aloneness does not necessarily have that same desire.

2. Psalm 18: 4-24

Psalm 3: 1-6

Psalm 27

Psalm 31

Psalm 35: 11-28

Psalm 37: 1-11

3. Matthew 4:1-2 (fasting in wilderness)

Matthew 26: 36-46 (in Gethsemane)

Matthew 26: 59-68 (before high priest)

Matthew 27: 27-36 (during Crucifixion)

Matthew 27: 45-50 (death)

4. We develop strong Christian friendships by truly being Christ-like.

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loveth at all times!"

Proverbs 18:24 "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

do things together

pray for each other

be sincere, honest, caring

be more concerned about friend than
self

5. The disciples' friendships with Jesus involved

- (a) commitment in time, values, lifestyles.
- (b) love and loyalty

They shared in Jesus life by following him and serving with him. They carried on the work he left after his ascension.

6. John 15:14 - Jesus said, "Ye are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you."

Two verses later Jesus said, "that ye should go and bring forth fruit"

