

Drawn to Jesus

John 6:44,45

Introduction:

A. People can be drawn to the church, the preacher, etc., in many ways.

1. Suppers, games, parties etc. will draw people to the church.
2. Charisma and sensationalism will draw people to the preacher.

B. People can be drawn to Jesus in only one way – “Except ...”

C. Let us answer two questions about being drawn to Jesus:

Discussion:

I. Why Be Drawn to Jesus?

A. He is one sent from God (v. 44; cf. John 3:16).

B. He is God (John 1:1, 14; 20:28)

C. He is the source of everlasting life (John 6:27, 35, 40, 44, 47-50, 66-68)

D. He is our savior and redeemer (Mt. 1:21; Tit 2:14)

1. Not from all of life's problems (cf. John 16:33).
2. Not from temporal consequences of sin, but guilt and eternal consequences.

E. He is Lord and King (Acts 2:36; 1 Tim 6:14, 15).

1. At “right hand of God” as head and king (Cf. Acts 2:29-33; Eph. 1:20-23)
2. Lord, King, and Head means he is to control our lives.

II. How Be Drawn to Jesus?

A. Teaching, hearing and learning (v. 45).

1. Not “better felt than told” experience.
2. Not direct divine intervention.
3. But, accepting evidence in the gospel and acting upon it. (Rom. 10:8-16).

B. Believing evidence and obeying Christ (cf. Acts 8:30-39).

1. Happiness, good feelings, rejoicing accompanies salvation, but is not evidence of it.
2. Believing alone not enough (cf. John 12:42).
3. Must repent, confess and baptized (Lk 13:3; Rom. 10:10; Acts 2:38)

Conclusion:

A. Not interested in just drawing people to the church – but to Jesus.

B. When one is drawn to Jesus, he is drawn to the church (Acts 2:47).