

Recognize that the people in your relational world who are spiritually-deaf
need God to enable them to hear

1. Whose you are _____ how you hear and what you say

John 8:42-47

Themes from John 1 found through out the book:

- Spiritual rebirth
- Father/Son relationship

Apostéllō – commission; "sent on a defined mission by a superior;" focuses back to the source (the one sending), strongly connecting the sender to the one sent

"The worst bondage is the kind that the prisoner himself does not recognize. He thinks he is free, yet he is really a slave. The Pharisees and other religious leaders thought that they were free, but they were actually enslaved in terrible spiritual bondage to sin and Satan. They would not face the truth, and yet it was the truth alone that could set them free."

Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

Ephesians 2:1-3

John 6:44-45

". . .you are unable to hear what I say . . . Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Ephesians 2:4-5

We need to recognize that the people in our relational world who are not yet convinced that Jesus is Messiah still belong to "the ruler of the kingdom of the air" and need to be _____ by the Spirit of God before they can hear and respond to the invitation that Jesus came to offer

Romans 10:15

2. Jesus saves you not only _____ wrath but _____ eternal life

John 8:47-53

. . . because they cannot truly 'hear' (including 'obey'!) his message, i.e. the thrust of his word, the content of the revelation of the incarnate Word, therefore they are unable to grasp the meaning of his outward speech. The flaw is therefore not with the communicator, but with those whose values and prejudices make them constitutionally unable to 'hear'.

D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John.*

Revelation 2:11

Revelation 20:6

3. Jesus clearly communicated His _____

John 8:54-59

Genesis 12:1-3

John 1:1-2

Now What? Recognize that the people in your relational world who are spiritually-deaf need God to enable them to hear