

God's Takes the Initiative

Unit 2 Day 3 of "Experiencing God"

In S_____ me from s_____ (Jn 6)

- Jesus stated that no one could come to Him unless the Father draws that one (vv. 44,65)
 1. Many stopped f_____ Him after saying this
 - a. Most Jews thought they were already saved from sin because they were b_____ a Jew
 - b. Most Jews thought that their religious w_____ caused God to accept them.
 2. Jesus statement means:
 - a. That it is i_____ for anyone to come to faith in Christ on their own (no one can come to Me)
 - b. The Father must take the i_____ to draw a person to Christ
 - 1) The word "draw" has one basic meaning – to take something from out of its position
 - 2) Only God can take us out of our sinful condition
- Other Scriptures showing God's initiative (I Jn 4:19; Eph 2:8,9; Jn 6:29)
- Other Scriptures showing the impossibility of coming to faith in Christ on our own (Rom 3:11; 2 Cor 4:4; I Cor 2:14)

In S_____ me for s_____ (Phil 2:12,13)

- Once God saves us, He immediately w_____ in us
 1. The word, "work," is where we get our word e_____
 2. God works in us two things:
 - a. The w_____ to do what pleases Him (to will)
 - b. The p_____ to please Him (to work)
- Examples of God taking the initiative in service
 - (1) Moses - Ex 3 (3) Gideon – Jg 6
 - (2) Philip – Acts 8 (4) The church at Antioch – Acts 13
- Examples of believers trying to take the initiative in service
 - (1) Moses in striking the r_____ (Num 20:8-12)
 - (2) David in constructing the t_____ (2 Sam 7)
 - (3) Some disciples in casting out a d_____ (Matt 17)

Conclusion: - Let's not make the great mistakes. Respond to God's initiative.