

The Journey Outline

Cat and Dog Theology: Lesson 3 Outline:

One Sentence Summary: Auto Summary can keep you from seeing that Christ died for our sins and the Father's glory.

A. Outline

a. Introduction

1. Last week the lesson was about "Auto Fill" and how we default to a self-centered "Auto Fill" in our Christianity. Years and years of this "Auto Fill" causes us to begin to think that life really is all about us.

b. Body

1. "Auto Summary" is a computer program that will find the key points in your document, highlight them, and if you want, put a brief summary of it all at the beginning of the document. However, it left out a lot of key points.
2. In Christianity, we are "Auto Summarizing" and leaving out key points because we summarize based on our years of "Auto Filling."
 - a. Jer. 32:40 God says, "I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me." Songs have been written from this passage emphasizing God's goodness to us all the time. According to John 3:16, God does love us all the time. Together they form an idea that is true, but can be missing key points due to "Auto Summary."
 - b. We naturally want to skip the part about God and His glory and focus on the good parts.. the parts about us. Our "Auto Summarize" instantly focuses on those parts and builds its summary leaving an incomplete outline where we are the main character.
3. Sometimes we "Auto Summarize" the scriptures and forget the big picture. Rom. 15:8 says, "Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy..."
4. Some believe that Jesus came so that we would not have to go to hell. Not going to hell is not what Christianity is all about.
5. In Matt 25:41, Jesus says that hell was created for the devil and his angels, not for us.
6. We are saved for a purpose. We are here and been given salvation to bring glory to our Father by declaring His wonderful and marvelous mercy.

7. Bob says that Christ died to bring His father glory and we should live to bring glory to the Father.
8. Bob says that the primary motivation that put Christ on the cross was to bring His Father glory.
9. Bob says that our natural “Auto Summary” has summarized Christ’s death on the cross so many times that when we hear about Christ’s death, we instantly focus on us.
10. Bob says that worship songs or hymns will refer to Christ’s death but do not mention God’s glory, therefore he believes this is not incorrect but incomplete.
11. Bob says that because we’ve “auto filled and auto summarized so long, we truly believe that life is all about us and the cross was solely about us.
12. Cat’s will see Christ’s death on the cross and think, “ Christ suffered and died for me... and He did this so I won’t have to suffer at all in this world! Therefore a Cat is going to avoid any kind of suffering and focus totally on a safe , soft comfortable life.
13. If there are trials in a Cat’s life, they instantly go to the Lord and say, “ Lord, get me out of this.”
14. Dogs see the cross and think, “Christ suffered and died for the glory of the Father as well .If tough times come into their lives, or they are called upon to suffer to radiate God’s glory, a Dog says, “ This is OK. Since Christ gave me an example of suffering for the glory of the Father, that is what I should be willing to do as well.” “Not my will be done, but yours Lord.”
15. Cat and Dog Attitudes can totally change how to interpret the cross, or scripture based on what question you are asking. Are we asking “What do I get out of this? Or are we asking, “What does God get of this?”
16. Philippians 2:9-11,” Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

c. Conclusion

1. According to this lesson, Christ died for us and for the Father’s glory. Yet the glory of the Father is the higher priority.
2. Jesus lived and died for the glory of the Father, we should be willing to do the same.
3. Don’t let Auto Summary and Auto Fill keep you from understanding that it is all about God and His glory.

