

Sermon Overview CEFC
October 8th, 2023

Title: Aiming for Success

Passage: John 7:1-13

Introduction

Series Purpose: What we _____ about
_____ is still a matter of _____ and _____.

Question: What _____ of _____ should we
aim to _____ for?

Main Point: Jesus wants us to set our _____ on
_____ kind of _____.

Resetting Our Success Sights

Target 1: We can _____ to be _____
_____.

Principle: What looks like _____ in the world's
eyes is often _____ in Jesus' eyes

Target 2: We can _____ to be an _____
_____.

Principle: What looks like _____ in the world's
eyes is often _____ in Jesus' eyes.

Conclusion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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Main Point: Jesus wants us to set our sights on His kind of success.

1. Read John 7:1-13 as a group. What stands out to you?
2. Imagine that 24-hour news existed at the time of Jesus. What might they have reported about Jesus' efforts in Galilee after the feeding of the 5,000 and all its fall-out? Would they have called Jesus ministry in Galilee successful or unsuccessful? Why?
3. What are some reasons that Jesus' brothers might have struggled with believing in Him?
4. Compare what Jesus' brothers urged him to do with the temptations Satan threw at Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11. What similarities do you see? Are there any you can relate to?
5. The brothers wanted Jesus to go to Jerusalem to have a "Successful Ministry". They wanted Him to go publicly and to go "now". Jesus went privately and went later. Why?
6. Pick a few specific areas (parenting, work, education, marriage) and discuss how God defines success and how culture might? Is God speaking to you about a specific area? How might you need to reset your sights.