

The Gospel of John

John 1:35-51

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Our Gospel Writer's Purpose

To help anyone and everyone

1. _____ to faith in Jesus Christ
2. _____ their faith in Jesus Christ

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The First Words of Jesus in John's Gospel

Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ~John 1:38, NLT

- A simple yet profound question – not "who" but "what"
- "Rabbi" and "staying" – they want to know where Jesus makes his permanent home, reflecting their desire to sit under his teaching as a rabbi

The Invitation to Discipleship

1. _____ and _____

"Come and see," he [Jesus] said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. ~John 1:39, NLT

- Jesus does the inviting – an act of _____
- He wants us to know Him because He already knows us
- We do the responding
- Through relationships
- Ask your questions
- Let me help you find out "Who I Am"

John wants us to know WHO Jesus is = titles

- "Lamb of God" (v. 36)
- "Rabbi" (vv. 48, 49) = "Teacher," "my great one"

- "Messiah" (v. 41)
- "the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about" (v. 45)
- "Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth" (v. 45)
- "Son of God" (v. 49)
- "the King of Israel" (v. 49)
- "Son of Man" (v. 51)
- "the stairway between heaven and earth" (v. 51)

2. _____ and _____

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." ~John 1:46, NLT

- We are invited to hang out with Jesus
- We are invited to get in close proximity to Jesus
- Following always precedes believing
- Invited to "keep on following" not just for a moment

3. See _____

Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth." ~John 1:50-51, NLT

- Seeing with the physical eye opens the door to eternal realities through Jesus
- He opens the door to heaven – something only He can do!

APPLICATION

"The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29, NLT) invites you to come, see and follow.

- For YOUR **Good** – For YOUR **Joy** – For His **Glory**
- What is YOUR response? _____

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