

Life Group Homework

JOHN 1:35-51 – Ordinary Men Receive the Most Extraordinary Call.

Getting Started:

Think of a time when you had some important good news (i.e.; “The war is over!” or “I got the job!” or “My team won the National Championship!”) and you had the opportunity to share it with others who had not yet heard. Was it easy for you to tell the news to others? Why?

Think of a time when you knew some great news but had to keep it quiet (i.e.; someone got engaged, someone is pregnant, etc.). Was keeping the news to yourself difficult? Why?

Digging In:

1. Read John’s testimony in John 1:29-34 and think on what he said about Jesus as you consider the following question: Why would these two disciples of John the Baptist (Andrew and most likely John the Apostle) so quickly leave him to follow after another person? What sort of discussion might have happened between the two disciples?

2. When Jesus notices the two men following him he asks, “What are you seeking?” Their answer of “Where are you staying?” seems more like they are avoiding having to answer the question. Is there anything in this passage that seems to indicate what they really were seeking?

3. When you first heard of Jesus and took your initial steps toward following him, what were you seeking?

4. Jesus says to the two men, "Come and see" (vs. 39). While the context clearly shows that they "came" and "saw" where he was staying, they also came and saw many other things with Christ. Philip likewise responds to Nathanael's skepticism with the same invitation of "Come and see" (vs. 46). Is there a place in our evangelism for a "come and see" invitation or was that just for the time of Christ? What would it look like for someone in our time to "come and see" the truth about Christ?

5. As the different disciples encounter Jesus they find themselves going to tell others about him. What seems to be their motivation for going to others with the news about Jesus? Do you think they felt judgmental sharing Jesus with others or did they feel that they were bringing good news to their friends and family? Judging by his response, did Nathanael think Philip's announcement was good news at first?

6. When we think of sharing the gospel do we genuinely sense in our hearts that we are bringing good news? What might make us feel that it is not good news? If we believe that proclaiming Christ is good news, what prevents us from sharing it with everyone?

Living It Out:

1. How many of our friends and family did we feel moved to tell about the good news of Jesus when we first believed?
2. Has our encounter with Jesus been real, true, and good such that we struggle to stay silent and keep the news of his working in us to ourselves?
3. Do we have confidence in the good work of God here at Cornerstone such that we could answer the skeptic with “come and see”?

NOTE TO LEADERS:

PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. FEEL FREE TO SELECT THOSE QUESTIONS THAT BEST FIT YOUR GROUP AND ONLY FOCUS ON THOSE. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STUDY!