

## COME AND SEE

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

**Scripture:** John 1:35-51

Jesus calls us to follow him.

What it takes to be a follower of Jesus:

- Spending time in His presence learning how He lives
- Using your experiences with Jesus to point others to Him
- Inviting others to encounter a personal connection to Jesus with you

Scripture is not a collection of stories about God, it's the testimony of those who've experienced Him.

Only when we move from curious to committed to following Jesus can we be raised to new life - the faith life God wants for each of us.

Faith follows Jesus.

### GET TALKING

Has there ever been something you wanted to commit to or resolved to do, but your follow through was less than successful? Share what happened.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What inspired you in this message that you hadn't thought about much previously?
2. Read through John 1:35-51. What connections stand out to you from other areas of your life (readings, situations, themes)? What might the Holy Spirit be trying to tell or teach you?
3. Jesus continues to call us to "follow me." Pastor Bob asked us four evaluating questions to consider and discuss:
  - Are you cautious? Are you skeptical about who Jesus is and the claims He makes?
  - Are you curious? Exploring and considering who Jesus is and what it means to commit your life to following Him?
  - Are you a consumer? Do you believe that Jesus is who he says He is but are only willing to watch from the stands?
  - Are you committed? Have you, or are you willing to walk away from your old life in order to join Jesus in His? You can't have both. There is always death to the old before being raised to the new.
4. Discuss ways you can grow deeper in relationship with Jesus and invite others to accompany you.

## PRAYER

The message this weekend teaches us that faith follows Jesus. Faith is given to us personally by Jesus and He gives it in a way that then invites us to follow Him more deeply into the life God is calling us to live. Jesus invites us to “come and see” what a real relationship with Him is like. As Pastor Bob pointed out, being with Jesus is being with God. Therefore, a personal connection with Jesus is a personal connection with God Himself.

- Take some time to write a prayer letter to Jesus in response to his calling. Make a personal connection. Ask Him your questions, share your concerns. Tell Him “what you want” from following Him, but most of all listen for His response and include it in your writing. Share what you heard if you feel comfortable.

As a group you may want to pray for:

- Courage to follow Jesus past the boundary of curiosity and consumption
- Boldness in pointing others to Jesus
- Commitment in accompanying others in making personal connections with Jesus