

SERMON OUTLINE John 1:35-51

Come Follow Me

A BRIEF PROFILE OF EACH DISCIPLE

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John

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THE CALL: FOLLOW ME

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

My hope is that in seeing the simplicity and seriousness of the faith of Jesus' first disciples, we would be encouraged to imitate them in both. The big idea of this passage is that it is right to respond to Jesus' call on our lives by following Him wherever He leads and whatever it costs.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If you hadn't already read the story, what's your sense of how the Christ would have begun His ministry?
3. What are some reasons people have shared with you for their interest in Jesus or church involvement?
4. What are *you* seeking? Why are *you* interested in Jesus? What is it from Jesus that *you* would like? Maybe another way to word it is, why were you at Grace Church on Sunday morning? What are you really after?
5. Are there any ways in which you are treating Jesus' call on your life as something that can be done on your terms, in your timing, or for your purposes? What does this week's text have to say about that?
6. What is the significance of the humble background of each of Jesus' disciples?
7. Have you ever been so amazed by Jesus that you couldn't help but to tell someone about Him (like you have done about a great restaurant or movie or book or product or sale or vacation)?
8. Are there any ways in which you are trying to name yourself instead of accepting the name Jesus has given you?
9. Why do some people respond in faith to Jesus' call and others do not?
10. Had you ever considered the idea that the essence of being a Christian is following Jesus? Can you think of anything the Bible calls you to that does not fall under the banner of following Jesus?
11. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God in John?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Start making a list of all the ways that Jesus calls you to follow Him. Share and compare that list with people in your DG. Thank God for helping you obey wherever you are and ask Him to help you to obey wherever you aren't.
13. Make satisfaction in Jesus the focus of your quiet times this week, in order that you might be so glad in Him that you can't keep it to yourself. Focus on reading and praying over passages in the Bible that speak directly to Jesus' glory.
14. Make a list of the things the Bible says are true of those who are trusting in Jesus.
15. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

16. Adoration. Praise God for being love. Praise God for being merciful and gracious. Praise God for being infinitely glorious. Praise God for being patient and kind. Praise God for being powerful enough to name. Praise God for being omniscient.
17. Confession. Confess any ways you've tried to name yourself. Confess any ways you've refused to follow Jesus, or tried to follow Him in your timing, on your terms, or for your purposes. Confess not being satisfied enough in Jesus to share Him.
18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for sending Jesus. Thank God for saving you through Jesus. Thank God for providing the strength to follow Jesus. Thank God for giving you a new name in Jesus. Thank God that the best is yet to come.
19. Supplication. Pray for the people in your life who are not following Jesus. Pray for those who are sick and suffering. Pray for our church to commit ourselves to helping one another follow Jesus. Pray for those who struggle to accept Jesus' love.