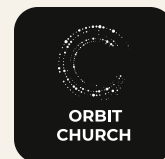


Come And See

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John 1:35-51

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

When two disciples started trailing Jesus, he turned and asked what they wanted. They answered with a question: where are you staying? Jesus did not hand them a brochure. He said: come and see. When Nathanael scoffed that nothing good comes from Nazareth, Philip gave him the same answer: come and see. Pastor Matt's point is that questions get answered on the road, not at the trailhead. The order is follow, ask, see, and then tell somebody. Most of us try to reverse the first two, demanding answers before we take a step.

To get started

- What is a question about God you have been waiting to have answered before you act?

Looking back at the message

The moving-to-Phoenix example makes the point: nobody could explain the heat to him until he lived in it.

- 1 Pastor Matt said everyone warned him about the Phoenix heat, but no explanation prepared him until he lived a summer here. What part of faith has been explained to you but not yet experienced?
- 2 Proximity to Jesus has to be the priority, because Jesus reveals himself to the people who stay close. What currently sits closer to you than Jesus does?
- 3 Pastor Matt said that after twenty years of following Jesus, the questions he asks God have changed. How have your questions changed over time? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read John 1:35-51. Notice how often somebody goes and gets someone else.

- 4 Read John 1:35-39. What do the two disciples ask Jesus, and what does he say back to them?
- 5 Read verses 40-42. What is the first thing Andrew does after spending a day with Jesus? Notice the pattern.
- 6 Read verses 43-51. Nathanael is openly skeptical about Nazareth. How does Philip answer the objection, and why does it work?
- 7 Read Hebrews 11:8. What did Abraham actually know before he set out? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

He explicitly said there is nothing wrong with asking questions. Make that clear.

- 8 Which one are you doing right now: waiting to understand before you follow, or following while you ask?
- 9 What is the step you have been standing at the edge of?
- 10 Come and see only works if you have seen something. What have you seen that you could actually tell someone about?
- 11 What is honestly the worst that could happen if you took the step this week? OPTIONAL

The group together

Every person in this passage was brought by someone else. Nobody arrived alone.

- 12 Who brought you? Who was the person who said come and see to you?
- 13 Nathanael's objection was answered with an invitation, not an argument. When have you seen an invitation succeed where an argument would have failed?
- 14 Who could you invite this month instead of trying to convince?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What step will you take before you have the answers?

You might pray about

- For people in the group with real unanswered questions
- For the courage to follow before understanding
- For someone specific each person could invite