

# People of His Presence | Seeking Him in Set Apart Places (John 1.35-42)

PASTOR MIKE'S SERMON NOTES

## Introduction

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***Main Idea- Christ invites his people into a place of intimate knowledge of his presence.***

## A Strange Request (v.35-38)

- "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (vv. 29-34)
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- "Where are you staying?"- strange request

## His Presence in Set Apart Places (v.39-42)

- An invitation from Jesus to know him more intimately- Come and you will see
- Finding Jesus in unlikely places (a pattern in John)
- Evangelism and intimacy are directly connected

## Implications and Practices

- *Christ invites his people into a place of intimate knowledge of his presence.*
- There is a difference between passive cultural activity and actively seeking the Lord.
- "Come and see"

## Reflection Questions

- In what places, have you settled for cultural activity instead of actively seeking the presence of the Lord?
- What would it look like to set apart time and a place to pursue the presence of God this week?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This passage begins with two of John's disciples following after Jesus. Eventually, Jesus turns around and asks them what they want.
  - a. While we can't follow Jesus physically today, we can spiritually. For those of us who are attempting to follow Jesus today, what if Jesus appeared to you right now and asked you the same question? What is it that you are seeking from him right now?
  - b. What are you doing to seek it?
  - c. What kind of fruit is this process of seeking bearing in your life?
  - d. How has this season challenged you to seek the Lord in new ways?
  
2. The two disciples respond to Jesus' question in an interesting way. Instead of asking for something from Jesus, they ask him where he is staying.
  - a. Does their response surprise you? Why or why not?
  - b. Why would they ask for that? What were they looking for?
  - c. What can we learn from the fact that instead of asking for something from Jesus, they just want to be with Jesus?
  - d. How is God teaching you to just be with him in this season?
  
3. The gospel of John is full of examples of how Christ reveals his glory and wisdom in the context of personal and intimate interactions at unlikely places (the wedding at Cana, his talk with Nicodemus, the woman at the well, etc.) instead of mass gatherings in religious contexts.
  - a. Where are some unlikely places that God has met you lately and revealed himself to you?
  - b. What have you learned about him in those times?
  
4. Andrew immediately leaves his time with Jesus and goes and tells his brother.
  - a. Who is someone that you can share what God has been teaching you with?
  - b. What are some ways that we can better help one another to be mindful of those around us and willing to share?