

Title: "Come and See"

John 1:35-51

I. John the Baptist publically _____ Christ to anyone that would listen. (Confrontational)

- A. Most of John's _____ were people he didn't know. Acts 2
 - 1. God can use a faithful witness in the life of a complete stranger because He has prepared their hearts to receive the truth.
 - 2. While some can do this very naturally it's important that we are all ready and willing.
- B. He _____ Disciples of Christ.
 - 1. They followed Christ, and Christ did not reject or delay them. John 6:37
 - Genuine seekers will not be rejected by Christ. Even those deep in the African Jungles. Rom 1:20
 - 2. Christ did not delay but rather said come. Acts 26:28-29, 2 Cor. 6:1-2
 - John records in verse 39 the exact hour that he met Jesus.

II. Andrew extended a _____ invitation to Peter. John 1:40, 6:8, 12:20-21 (Invitational, Relational)

- A. Relational evangelism can be the most _____ yet effective.
 - 1. It can be easier to share with a stranger because the gospel can strain relationships.
 - 2. He(Andrew) first found his own brother but John would also bring his own brother James. Most scholars agree that the implication is John also went to get his brother.
- B. New believer's excitement about what they've found can be _____. Luke 2:17-18, Mark 1:40-45
- C. Seizing opportunities to invite people to _____ to Christ.
 - 1. They may come through personal hardships or the hardships of others.
 - This simple invitation lead to the conversion, change, and a critical part of the early church's foundation. You never know the lasting impact of a simple invitation.
 - 2. Maybe it's a simple invitation to come to church, a fellowship activity, or an outreach.

III. The Words of Christ were enough to _____ the heart of Phillip. (Invitational)

- A. A challenge to read the Word of God, which can bring conviction on its own. Heb. 4:12, John 4:35
- B. Prayer that God will cause a planted seed to grow is critical.
- C. Sharing with clarity and simplicity while relying upon the power of the message.

IV. Nathaniel was skeptical, but was _____ to come through Phillips testimony. (Testimonial, Relational)

- A. Do not doubt God's ability to _____ the most critical skeptics.
- B. God can use external evidence to confirm the _____ of His Word.
 - 1. God's Word has confirmed itself like no other book through Archeology, scientific accuracy, prophecy and fulfillment, and preservation.
 - 2. He told Nathaniel exactly what he had been doing. He may have been literally under a fig tree, or was meditating on God's Word of which Rabbis referred to as "Under a fig tree." He may have been literally under a fig tree or meditating on God's Word.
 - He was perhaps meditating on Gen. 28:12 in which Jacob saw a ladder which was a link between heaven and earth. When Nathaniel realized that Jesus was the mediator between God and man that would be a much greater sign. Jn 14:6
- C. Nathaniel becomes the fourth witness to _____ Christ's identity in this section.
 - 1. John cites these four witnesses because they all build the case concerning Christ's deity. The point is well made, "Jesus is our God and Savior."

*Small Groups: Read the passage, review and discuss the differing yet effective forms of evangelism/evangelists.

Confrontational? (Acts 2) Bold and direct like Peter and John the Baptist. (Often outspoken leaders)

Intellectual? (Acts 17) Paul debated with the philosophers on Mars Hill to convince them. (Josh McDowell)

Testimonial? (John 9) One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see! (Paul and Phillip used thier Testimony)

Relational? (Mark 5) Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you. (Andrew, John)

Invitational? (John 4) The Samaritan woman at the well begged the people of the city to come and hear Jesus for themselves.

Serving? (Acts 9) Dorcas impacted her city by doing deeds of kindness.

How has God wired you?

How can you use your natural and spiritual gifts to extend the gospel?

Are you willing to step out of your comfort zone and share as the Lord leads?

Are you embracing your role as a witness?