

4. Come and See

FOLLOWING JESUS BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Introduction

What motivates people to do something new? While there are lots of ways of tricking people into doing something, a genuine change is only done if people believe it should happen. We have to experience the value and meaning of it first. This is what we're going to explore in this study. Before we follow Jesus, we need to come and see Him.

Question: What is the most spectacular thing you've ever seen someone do? How did that impact you?

1. Seeing in Believing

Let's first consider why seeing is so important to our lives:

a. Read Gen 2:19-22. Who was the first person that Adam and Eve saw? Why is that important?

b. Read Ps 34:11. What does it really mean to see God?

c. Read 2 Cor 3:18. How does seeing impact the rest of us?

Seeing isn't just about opening our eyes. It's about seeing and experiencing God personally. This is why God has given us sight.

2. The First Invitation

As we consider Jesus' ministry now, notice how He first called people:

a. Read John 1:35-39. What was the first thing Jesus wanted His future disciples to do? Why was that the primary step?

b. Read John 1:45-46. How did Jesus' invitation affect others?

c. Read 2 Chron 20:17. What else needs to happen if we want to see the Lord's salvation?

Seeing Jesus requires us to stop everything else. When we do this though, other people become drawn to the same picture.

3. Heart to Heart

Jesus didn't invite them to simply see what He looks like, but to see His heart. Consider what the disciples saw in Jesus' early ministry:

a. Read John 2:6-11. Who did Jesus turn the water into wine for? What trait of Jesus did the disciples see here?

b. Read John 2:16-19. What part of Jesus did the disciples see here?

c. Read John 4:3-7. How do we see Jesus' mission revealed here? Why would this have influenced the disciples in a new way?

Discussion Questions

- Why has Jesus given us sight?
- What happened to Jesus' disciples when they came and saw Him?
- How can we reveal Jesus more in our lives?

Conclusion

Seeing Jesus isn't just about being aware of Him. It's about stepping into Who He is. Stepping into His character. Stepping into His mission. And when we see Him in this way, such a picture begins to radically change us too. We come and see Jesus so we're ready follow Him.

Appeal

To create space for other people to see Jesus in our lives